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Commons emergency debate after Zircon raids

Hussey vows BBC will fight on seized files

- **The Speaker has granted an emergency debate on the Special Branch raids at the BBC in Glasgow after heated exchanges in the Commons**
- **Recently appointed BBC chairman Mr Marmaduke Hussey has promised to take "whatever legal action may be appropriate" to recover the material**
- **Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Scottish Secretary, denied any Government involvement in seeking the search warrants**
- **Among those being mentioned as possible candidates for the job of Director General of the Corporation is freelance television journalist David Dimbleby (Page 2)**

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Amid growing political controversy, the Commons will today stage an emergency debate on the conduct of the Special Branch in raiding the BBC's office in Glasgow after the withdrawal of the Zircon satellite film in the *Secret Society* series.

The Speaker granted the debate after furious exchanges yesterday during which the Opposition accused the Government of driving Britain towards a police state and the Government, equally outraged, denied that ministers had the slightest involvement in the seeking of search warrants or the way in which they were carried out.

The political temperature was raised further by a letter from Mr Marmaduke Hussey, the recently appointed BBC chairman, to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, in which he complained bitterly about the raid tactics and pledged that the BBC would fight all the way in the courts.

Mr Hussey, put into the BBC by the Government to get a grip on the corporation's standards and organization, promised "whatever legal action may be appropriate" to recover programme material seized in the Glasgow raids during which two vanloads of tapes and documents were removed.

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He said that he had followed the weekend's events with "mounting dismay" and added: "I must protest vigorously"

Mr Hussey objected particularly to the drafting of the search warrants in such wide terms as to authorize the seizure of material relating to the whole series and not just the withdrawn programme, and that was one of the issues taken up by MPs in furious exchanges.

With tempers running high, Mr Donald Dewar, Labour spokesman on Scottish affairs, accused the police of a "bizarre" and incompetent performance" with warrants drawn up in a crude catch-all device to allow them a "general trawl".

Mr Roy Jenkins, for the Social Democrats, asked what was the supreme objective for which the Government was "prepared to look as though it were running a second-rate police state infused by illiberalism and incompetence".

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said that the Conservative Government was introducing the "knock on the door in the middle of the night".

In reply, Mr Rifkind, in a performance of remarkable authority, repeated that the Government had played no part in initiating the Special Branch raids, or even in the seeking or granting of warrants for such raids.

The Government's difficulty in defending itself in the affair is the obvious determination of the Prime Minister that the mole, perhaps in the Ministry of Defence, perhaps in the GCHQ at Cheltenham, responsible for leaking information to Mr Duncan Campbell, the *New Statesman* journalist who made the original Zircon satellite programme, should be caught and punished.

Downing Street insists that the first Mrs Margaret Thatcher knew of the Glasgow Special Branch action was what she heard on the BBC news.

The Speaker granted the request for today's emergency debate after Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Shadow Home Secretary, had said that the raids on the BBC, on the *New Statesman* and on Mr Campbell's home had "serious implications for the freedom of the press and for the freedom of speech"

- After Mr John Lloyd, editor of the *New Statesman*, had addressed them last night the Tribune group of Labour MPs agreed to send a letter to Mrs Thatcher expressing their concern about the Special Branch action in Glasgow.

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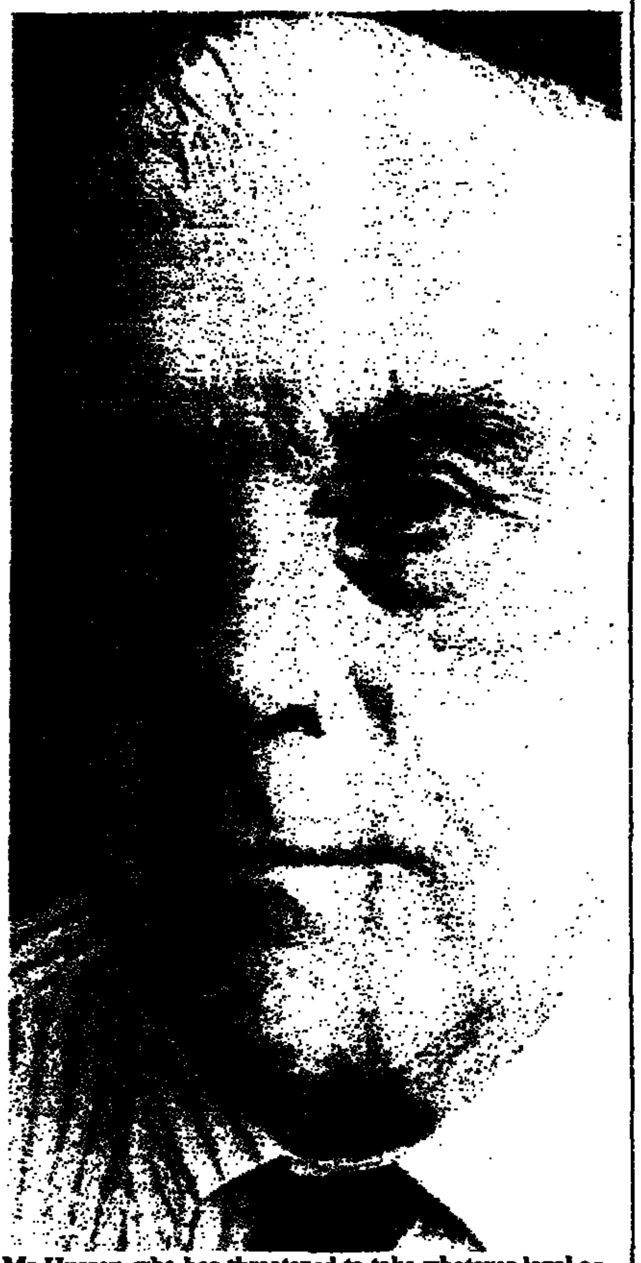
Mr Hussey, who has threatened to take whatever legal actions necessary to recover filed seized during raids on BBC.

Telecom to push for efficiency

By Tim Jones

Leaders of the 110,000 telephone engineers who are entering their second week on strike were left in no doubt last night that British Telecom is not prepared to settle the dispute unless it gets agreements on efficiency improvements.

A tough reaffirmation of the company's stand was made by Mr Iain Vallance, BT's chief executive, just before Mr John Golding, the union's general secretary, was preparing to meet senior BT officials.

Mr Golding said before Mr Vallance's statement, that he was "more optimistic", but he is under pressure to stick to their demand for a 10 per cent "no strings" pay rise.

Mr Vallance made it clear that BT will not allow the issue of changes in working practices to be left until pay negotiations in July.

Union leaders hoped BT might improve its pay offer in return for an agreement to establish a joint committee to negotiate new working arrangements.

Last night's talks followed two days of intensive meetings after which Mr Golding said he sensed a change of mood in BT management.

But last night Mr Vallance said: "We cannot conclude negotiations with the NCU without securing the efficiency improvements we have been seeking for so long."

20 TSB workers accused

By Ray Heath

About 20 TSB employees have been suspended or dismissed over irregularities in applications for shares when the bank was floated on the stock market last September. This follows an investigation into suspected illegal multiple share applications and breaking of bank rules.

The Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad has been gathering its own evidence of so-called illegal stagging since November when the TSB said some 1,000 applications, involving about 20 applicants, were being investigated. Since then, the number of individuals being investigated has risen to between 40 and 50.

A TSB statement said yesterday: "A very small number of irregularities concerning applications for shares in the TSB offer for sale, involving TSB employees, have been investigated. Some 20 TSB staff have been suspended or dismissed. These irregularities concern either the breach of staff rules or contravention of the terms and conditions of the offer for sale."

The evidence came from TSB's own investigation.

The irregularities could include abuse of TSB employees' green forms which granted them priority in the massively oversubscribed issue, which was expected to bring rich rewards to lucky applicants.

US plea boosts Airbus aid hope

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

An attempt by senior United States officials to force Europe to raise the price of its Airbus jets has virtually guaranteed British Government aid for the next generation of long-range aircraft.

The US delegation led by Mr Michael Smith, the Ambassador, and Mr Bruce Smart, Under-Secretary, told Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, at a meeting in London yesterday that the price being charged for the Airbus was unfair, and that it was damaging American airline manufacturers.

Mr Pattie, who will soon decide whether to provide up to £750 million in launch aid to British Aerospace for the proposed A340 and A330 long-range jets, angrily criticized their presumption.

"We take exception to being lectured on questions of support when one contrasts the extremely high levels of government support being enjoyed by American manufacturers through their defence budgets," he said.

"It is bizarre that a country who has companies within it which can claim 80 per cent of the world market should feel concerned about the activities of a consortium from Europe that is endeavouring to bring some form of competition to the world marketplace.

"I frankly find it astonishing that the United States of all people should be crying foul in this area," he said.

The dispute over alleged European government support for Airbus has been simmering for nearly two years after the success of the Airbus A320 150-seat jet, which has more orders in advance of production than any aircraft in history. Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, concerned at the threat to their dominance in the world's airline market, have been furiously lobbying for US government support to try to curb the European consortium, which they claim is acting unfairly.

The US delegation met yesterday with representatives of both France and West Germany after their meeting with Mr Pattie.

Mr Smith said they said they had wanted to dicsuss the whole pricing issue under the GATT and to ensure that there were no hidden subsidies in the Airbus prices. "To our knowledge, the A300 and the A310 programmes have not returned a nickel of profit to the supporting governments. We believe that, over the 16 years of Airbus's life, they have received subsidies amounting to between $5 and $10 billion, none of which has come back.

"We are not meddling in domestic affairs. We are talking about an issue that deals with international trade.

Mr Pattie firmly rejected the allegations, and told them in what he described as a "frankly acrimonious" meeting that the Airbus level of support was no different from that given by the US government to American manufacturers.

Thatcher firm on no deal with Waite's captors

By Andrew McEwen and Nicholas Beeston

As Lebanese militia leaders confirmed yesterday that Mr Terry Waite was being held prisoner, Mrs Thatcher made clear her determination that Britain would stick to its "no deals" stand on hostage-taking.

The announcement through sources at the Foreign Office coincided with an admission by Lambeth Palace that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, had appealed last week to the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, to "help" retrieve his missing envoy.

Lambeth Palace said the move was "in response to Mr Rafsanjani's remarks made last week in Tehran making it clear that, if approached, he would do what he could to help Terry Waite."

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As the hostage crisis took a new twist in Beirut yesterday with a threat by the Islamic Jihad group to kill its Western hostages, the British Prime Minister took steps to shore-up solidarity among EEC governments.

Mrs Thatcher is understood to have written to Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, implicitly urging him not to bow to terrorists threatening to kill German hostages in Beirut if Bonn agrees to the extradition of a Lebanese terrorist suspect to the United States.

The West German hostages are believed to be held by relatives of Muhammad Ali Hamadei, who is wanted in the US on murder and hijacking charges. He and his brother, Ali Abbas Hamadei, are in custody in West Germany. Some sources believe that Mr Waite is also in the hands of the Hamadeis' relatives in Beirut.

Through Whitehall sources the Prime Minister allowed it to be known that her tough line on terrorism would be applied rigorously in Mr Waite's case. The Government also believes that this would be his own wish.

"We will do everything we can to locate and help him but the bottom line is that we are not in the business of doing deals," the source said.

Mrs Thatcher's concern on European solidarity is believed to centre on the risk that the Bonn Government could crack under pressure.

But a further element causing concern was the decision of the Italian authorities on Sunday to release a cousin of Nezar Hindawi, convicted in October of attempting to blow up an El Al airliner at Heathrow airport.

Hindawi's cousin, Awni Hindawi, who had been held on terrorism charges, was released on grounds described by the authorities in Genoa as "lack of evidence."

In Damascus, the Shia Amal leader, Mr Nabih Berri, and his Druze counterpart, Mr Walid Jumblatt, announced that Mr Waite had been "arrested."

Two weeks after the disappearance of the Anglican envoy, Mr Berri said: "What I know is that Waite is arrested now." Mr Jumblatt confirmed the statement and added: "I am worried for his safety, terribly worried."

Islamic Jihad, which holds at least two Americans and three Frenchmen, authenticated its statement threatening to kill its hostages "in the case of any military attempts against Muslims in the area" by including a photograph of the kidnapped American journalist, Mr Terry Anderson.

Two are jailed after rape at vicarage

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A 22-year old man who raped a woman in the presence of a vicar as an armed gang burgled a west London vicarage last year was jailed for 10 years yesterday (mon) at the Central Criminal Court. A second man was given eight years for his part in the attack.

During the raid on the vicarage in Ealing last March the vicar, the Reverend Michael Saward, and a second man in the vicarage were badly beaten about the head with a cricket bat as they lay tied up within earshot of the continued assault on the woman.

Mr Justice Leonard, sentencing Martin McCall, aged 22, unemployed, to five years for burglary and five years for rape, said: "I can't possibly pass a sentence which adequately reflects the horror the public undoubtedly feels because otherwise you would be in prison for a disproportionate period for a 22-year old man."

McCall pleaded guilty to rape and aggravated burglary. Christopher Byrne, aged 22, unemployed, was given the eight year sentence after pleading guilty to rape, aggravated burglary and inflicting grievous bodily harm on the vicar and the second man.

Robert Horscroft, aged 34, will be sentenced today after pleading guilty to aggravated burglary and inflicting grievous bodily harm on the vicar.

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INSIDE

Alistair Maclean dies at 64

The thriller writer Alistair Maclean, one of Britain's best-selling authors, died of heart failure in hospital in Munich, where he was visiting friends. He was 64.

Maclean, the author of *The Guns of Navarone*, *Where Eagles Dare*, *Ice Station Zebra* and 26 other war and adventure novels, suffered a stroke three weeks ago

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Aquino backed

Votes in favour of the new Philippines constitution proposed by President Corazon Aquino led those against by about five to one, according to early returns **Page 11**

Moving House

Frank Johnson, *The Times'* incisive and witty parliamentary sketch writer, moves today to his new position opposite the Leader Page **Page 14**

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City warning

Wide-ranging legislation on takeovers will be introduced if institutions do not respect the Takeover Panel's authority, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, said **Page 21**

Shares boom

The Financial Times index of 30 leading shares gained 22.9 points to close at a record 1,463.9 **Page 22**

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Conner closer

Dennis Conner is within a race of taking the America's Cup back to the United States after Stars and Stripes beat Kookaburra III, the defending Australian yacht, for the third successive time **Page 37**

Clough row

Franz Carr, Nottingham Forest's most exciting player, has been put on the transfer list after a row between Brian Clough, the manager, and the player's father **Page 40**

Ban on cordless telephones

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Unapproved cordless telephones which have caused serious disruption to life-saving emergency services are to be banned by the Government, it was announced last night.

The decision follows numerous incidents of interference to radio systems used by the police and fire services.

In some cases navigational signals in the Channel are believed to have been affected by the imported high-powered telephones, a Department of Trade and Industry official disclosed.

Mr John Butcher, the Junior Trade and Industry Minister, said last night: "Other radio services to have suffered similar interference include local and water authority mobile systems, those used by the Automobile Association and other business users, and those operated by the Ministry of Defence.

"While these are not emergency services as such, the use of radio by this kind of agency is often related to emergencies, some of which involve safety of life."

The unapproved telephones, often not made to British specifications and standards, push out signals at double the power of authorized telephones, causing widespread interference.

A loophole in the law has meant that while it has been illegal to use such telephones there has been no ban on their sale or import.

However, within the next two months the Government will introduce new regulations restricting the import, sale, manufacture and possession of the unapproved telephones.

CIA chief quits after surgery

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Mr William Casey, aged 73, who had brain surgery in December, has resigned as director of the Central Intelligence Agency. President Reagan is nominating Mr Robert Gates, his deputy director, to replace him.

The White House said Mr Reagan has asked Mr Casey, who is still in hospital, to become his counsellor when he feels well enough to do so.

Mr Gates, who has been acting director of the CIA during Mr Casey's illness, joined it in 1966 as an intelligence analyst. He is an expert strategist.

Shortly before going into hospital, Mr Casey testified that the CIA acted as an intermediary in the Iran arms deal and had been linked to a secret Swiss bank account used to divert the profits to the Nicaraguan Contras.

Alliance rallies poll support

By Robin Oakley

The SDP/Liberal Alliance is expecting a lift in the opinion polls after the Barbican rally in London at the weekend to launch its election campaign.

A recovery in local council by-elections has already begun, and if the Alliance does improve on its present average opinion poll showing of 20 per cent it could scotch the prospect of an early election.

In spite of the early election fever which has been mounting almost unchecked, the latest study by MORI, published in *The Times* today, confirms that if the average figure of all the opinion polls taken so far in 1986 were repeated at an election, the Conservative government would lose its overall majority.

It also underlines that any significant recovery by the Alliance at the Conservatives' expense is likely to lead to a hung parliament and a possible Labour victory, depending on how far it went.

Since Mr Neil Kinnock became Labour leader in 1983 his party has consistently scored between 36 and 40 per cent, and averaged 38 per cent, in the opinion polls.

The Conservatives, who lagged behind Labour for much of last year, edged into the lead only after the Alliance split on defence last summer, highlighted at the Liberal Assembly in September.

The MORI table reveals that if Labour retains its 38 per cent share of the vote any Alliance resurgence could severely damage Mrs Margaret Thatcher's prospects of a third term.

If the Alliance recovers two points from its recent average to 22 per cent, and the Conservatives lose two points, the result on a uniform swing would be a hung parliament. Labour would hold 304 seats and the Conservatives 299, both well short of the 326 needed for an overall majority.

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The ECU in your European pocket

From Richard Owen
Brussels

After the EEC flag, the EEC passport and the EEC anthem – not to mention EEC television soap operas – comes the latest idea for drawing the 320 million people of the 12 closer together: an all-European currency.

Belgium, the holder of the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers, has announced that next month it will issue the first ever ECU (European Currency Unit) coins as legal tender to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, the EEC's founding document.

Belgian and EEC officials emphasize that the historic minting of gold and silver ECU coins will initially have a largely symbolic significance.

"We have not yet reached the stage where you can pay for a beer or your groceries with ECUs," one EEC official said.

Mr Mark Eyskens, the Belgian Finance Minister, who announced the issue of ECU coins, said the move was "a political act with symbolic value".

However, for those with a vision of European unity the new ECU coins represent more than just a curiosity for collectors. The ECU is believed to be the first currency which has begun as a concept and only subsequently taken tangible shape as coinage.

Supporters of EEC union point out that the EEC itself began 30 years ago as an ideal founded on a desire to put an end to centuries of European conflict and only later took on political and economic reality.

The ECU, created in 1979, is an artificial "basket" currency based on the combined value of 10 of the 12 EEC national currencies (the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudos are not yet included). In sterling terms the ECU is worth about 70p.

Mr Eyskens said Belgium would mint a gold 100 ECU coin and a silver 20 ECU coin. Both coins will bear the image of the Charles V (1500-1558), whose huge 16th century European empire encompassed a large part of what is now the EEC and who, coincidentally, also issued a coin named the ECU.

The obverse of the 20th century ECU will carry 12 stars symbolizing the EEC nation states. The ECU is currently used as a unit of account in all EEC calculations

Money markets deal in ECU euro bonds but only recently have financial institutions begun to encourage private investment in ECUs.

Portfolio

- **The £8,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, *double the* usual amount because there was no winner on Saturday, was shared yesterday by two readers. Details, page 3.**
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NEWS SUMMARY

Lords warning on inner cities

The Government came under fire in the Lords last night as Lord Scarman and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, united to issue a warning about the dangers in Britain's deprived inner cities.

Lord Scarman, *the former law lord* who investigated the Brixton and Toxteth riots in 1981, said that unless the grave misjustices and disadvantages of those in inner cities were overcome it would lead to the explosive mix of hopelessness and anger.

Dr Runcie said: "Our society is in real danger if a significant group in it comes to feel that the only way to obtain change is to opt out of the written and unwritten rules and succumb instead to the forces of unreason and despair."

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Fraud chief named

Britain's most senior fraud investigator is to be Mr John Wood, head of legal services in the Crown Prosecution Service.

He was yesterday appointed director of the new Serious Fraud Office.

Mr Wood, aged 56, is a former controller of the fraud investigation group within the Director of Public Prosecutions's office. A solicitor by training, he joined the DPP's office in 1958.

***Last year the Government announced that the director of* the new office would have equal status to the DPP.**

The office, which will be created by legislation before Parliament, is expected to start work next year.

Threat to airport

The expansion of Manchester International Airport, the third largest in Britain, is being threatened by a pay strike by 53 firemen.

***During the past five days* £560,000 revenue has been lost and more than 850 flights cancelled because of their refusal to handle new technology.**

Developments, including a £200 million terminal and a £15 million rail link, face cancellation if the strike continues.

£10m for Britannia

The nine-month refit of the Royal Yacht Britannia will cost more than £10 million, Mr David Johnston, managing director of the Royal Naval Dock at Devonport, said yesterday.

The refit is designed to extend Britannia's life by about 15 years.

Estimates for the work *were drawn up* by Ocean Fleets of Liverpool, private marine consultants, whose previous experience is mostly with nuclear submarines.

Fugitive returning

Scotland Yard expects John Fleming, the Briton wanted for questioning about the £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery, to return to London today.

Mr Fleming, aged 45, has spent four months in a Florida prison trying to *find a country to accept him* after being denied entry into the United States.

He is expected to be escorted by three members of the US Immigration Service, and will be met by Yard detectives.

Royal prowler report

A report that the Queen had to lock herself inside her home at Sandringham, Norfolk, when an intruder got within five feet of the front door, is to be raised in the Commons by Mr Harry Greenway, Conservative MP for Ealing North.

Last month Norfolk police said that a man, who was subsequently admitted to a psychiatric hospital in Norwich, had been found in the grounds of Sandringham on January 22. Buckingham Palace yesterday declined to comment on reports that the man had almost reached the door.

Solicitors' merger creates City giant

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Two of the City's biggest firms of solicitors are to merge to create the country's first "mega" law firm, which will have a turnover of several million pounds.

The merger of Coward *Chance and Clifford Turner*, which was announced yesterday after several months of negotiations, will make the new firm, Clifford Chance, almost double the size of the largest City firms.

It will have more than 160 partners and a total legal staff worldwide of 630. In all the staff will total some 1,400. The merger is expected to take effect on May 1.

Both firms have a broad spread of work but each has *built up expertise in complementary* areas: Coward Chance is best known for banking and international financial work and Clifford Turner for corporate finance activities.

Yesterday Mr David Maunder, a managing partner with Clifford Turner, said a key factor in the decision to merge – first thought of over a glass of wine by two partners from the firms who are old friends – was the strength the new firm will have in the international market.

The firms will combine offices overseas and have branch or associated offices in 12 countries in Europe, North America, the Middle and Far East, staffed with a total of 100 overseas lawyers.

Sir Max Williams, senior partner of Clifford Turner, who will become joint senior partner of the new firm with Mr Tom Johnson-Gilbert, senior partner with Coward Chance, *said that the merger* was "a response to the international financial and business community".

The firm is likely to be well-placed to compete with other City firms in the increasingly common "beauty contests" held by big company clients when choosing lawyers for single pieces of work.

For the time being both firms will retain their respective premises – Clifford *Turner* near Blackfriars Bridge and Coward Chance close to London Wall – but they will soon look for 300,000 sq ft of new offices.

Dole 'blitz' saved £6m in false claims, says DHSS

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Fraud teams who swoop unannounced on unemployment benefit offices throughout the country to catch out illegal claimants have saved £6 million of taxpayers' money and "persuaded" more than 8,000 people to stop seeking dole money.

The special teams, whose numbers have now been boosted from 113 to 123 investigators, achieved their most spectacular results in the south. More than 1,700 people, who had been regularly claiming unemployment benefit, voluntarily withdrew their claims when they realized that a "blitz" investigation was underway.

The success of the regional fraud teams, set up three years ago, has encouraged the Government to expand the operation because the latest figures prove that they are continuing to be cost effective.

According to Department of Employment figures, just released, the fraud teams made a net saving of more than £6 million from April 1 to September 30 last year, doubling the savings made for the whole of the previous financial year.

Whitehall sources said that some of the cases could simply have involved mistakes by claimants but the net savings, after the salaries and allowances of the fraud investigators had been deducted, were nearly £1.5 million.

Of the nine regions covered by the teams, the south topped the list of offenders, followed by the Midlands with over £1 million saved, the south west (£917,000), eastern (£900,000), Wales (£643,000) and Yorkshire and Humberside (£393,000). The lowest savings were in the North-west, with only £242,000, and the North with over £246,000. The savings in Scotland were over £313,000.

A total of 8,059 people withdrew voluntarily from making dole money claims, once the special investigations began. A Department of Employment official said yesterday: "It shows that the blitz technique is working well".

In the previous 12 months, 1985-86, the regional fraud teams managed to save £6.9 million, but with staff costs of £1.4 million, the net saving was only £5.5 million.

The special teams were set *up after a recommendation* in 1981 by Lord Rayner, then head of the Cabinet Office's Efficiency Unit. He suggested a scrutiny of benefit claims throughout the country and a pilot scheme was carried out, leading to the formation of nationwide mobile units in January 1984.

In 1985-86, the total savings made by the Department of Employment's overall fraud efforts, involving about 700 employees, including the small teams of regional investigators, were just under £22 million, compared with £11 million the previous year.

The number of fraud *prosecutions* was 2,800. In the first nine months of the current financial year, there have been 2,500 prosecutions.

Department of Employ*ment sources said yesterday*: "When these mobile regional teams were set up with the intention of concentrating on certain key areas of fraud, *there was criticism* that they would not be cost effective but clearly the latest figures demonstrate that they are making considerable inroads into fraudulent claims".

Climber's peace award

Mr Bert Bissell, (above) the veteran mountaineer who founded the Ben Nevis war memorial on VJ Day 1945, has won this year's World Methodist Peace Award.

He built the original "Peace Cairn" on the top of Ben Nevis, and has since revisited it 90 times, to add stones or tablets to the heap. His peace work, recognized in the citation for the award as "consis*tent devotion to the cause of* reconciliation", has forged numerous links with peace groups

The award is made annually by the World Methodist Council, which represents Methodism in 90 countries, and Mr Bissell shares his with Mr Woodrow Seals, a retired United States federal judge.

Mr Bissell, aged 85, is a retired local government officer who lives in Dudley, Hereford and Worcester.

Former winners of the *award include the late Presi*dent Sadat of Egypt and ex-President Carter of the United States.

RAF team examines helicopter

RAF crash investigators were last night examining the wreckage of the Wessex search and rescue helicopter which crashed on a mountain in Perthshire on Sunday, killing a policeman on board and injuring another and three crew.

The helicopter, from RAF Leuchars in Fife, was trying to rescue a climber when it hit the side of Ben More and burst into flames. Sergeant Harry Lawrie, leader of the Killin mountain rescue team, died.

It is thought that the rescue team was involved in a winching operation in 40 mph winds when the crash happened.

The climber they had been called out to rescue is thought to have *fallen 3,000 ft down* Ben More. Her body was found yesterday morning; police named her as Miss Sarah Noble, aged 27, of Clarence St, Edinburgh.

It is thought to be the first time in 30 years that a military helicopter has crashed during a rescue.

● Oilmen's union representatives were told yesterday that the Chinook helicopters used to ferry them to oilrigs in the North Sea were "fit to fly and to carry passengers".

Representatives of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs met Civil Aviation Authority officials to express their concern that they may be asked to fly on a twin-engined helicopter similar to the one which crashed off the Shetlands three months ago.

The unions, who represent only a fraction of the men working in the North Sea, had drawn up a list of 12 worries that they wished to raise.

*British International Heli*copters is not flying three Chinooks identical to the one that crashed because the oilrig workers' employers, the Shell *Oil Company, is unwilling to* charter them again until further detailed reports into the accident are known.

YTV head out of race for BBC job

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Mr Paul Fox, managing *director* of Yorkshire Television and a favoured candidate to replace Mr Alasdair Milne as director-general of the BBC, last night ruled himself out of the running.

He said he would not apply for the job and denied reports that he had already been offered it. He considers himself ineligible because he is *aged 61*, a year older than the corporation's mandatory retirement age.

Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC board of governors, and Lord Barnett, the vice-chairman, are said to believe that Mr Milne's replacement is unlikely to be selected from the BBC's own ranks.

Advertisements announcing the vacancy in *The Sunday Times* and yesterday's *Guardian* appeared to underline the desire of the governors to attract a leader from the outside.

Those considered likely to apply for the job include: Mr David Dimbleby, aged 49; Mr Anthony Smith, aged 48, director of the British *Film* Institute; Mr Harold Evans, former editor of *The Sunday Times* and *The Times*; Mr Christopher Bland, aged 48, *chairman of London* Weekend Television; and Mr Peter Jay, 50 this week, chief of staff to Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher.

Chairman in protest over Glasgow raid

Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC, protested to the Government yesterday over the Special Branch raid on the corporation's Glasgow headquarters, in which material from the *Secret Society* television series was impounded.

A *Secret Society* programme on the Project Zircon spy satellite was dropped by the BBC, although details were published in the *New Statesman magazine*. In a letter to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr Hussey said:

"I *followed with mounting* dismay the weekend's events and I must protest most vigorously at the way in which the Special Branch sought to obtain a wide range of material relating to the BBC's series *Secret Society* from the BBC.

"The programmes in the series deal with a number of topics. You will already be aware that following advice given by security experts, the BBC some time ago decided NOT to transmit a programme dealing with the so-called 'project Zircon'. The five other programmes in the series deal with different matters of legitimate public interest.

"Consequently, it is a matter of grave concern that the warrants should have been drafted in such wide terms as *apparently to authorize the* seizure of all the material relating to the entire series. I have also to express my strong reservations about the timing and the *manner of the Special* Branch operation. We shall of course take whatever legal action may be appropriate."

'Childline' advice service criticized

By Jill Sherman

Childline, the telephone advice and information service, has been accused of putting children's lives at risk by not providing adequate support for those who make use of it.

Mrs Dianne Core, who runs Childwatch, a child abuse prevention and education service based in Hull, has criticized Miss Esther Rantzen, Childline's chairwoman, for refusing to heed her warnings when the service was first set up.

The organizers had failed to foresee the huge response which has resulted in 10,000 callers trying to get through every day, Mrs Core said. Childline has said they can now only cope with 500 calls a day

In an interview published in *Woman* magazine today Mrs Core, aged 41, said: "The whole concept of Childline and the way it has been conducted *horrifies me. It has* put the child at even greater risk and heightened the frustrations of many of those just crying out to be listened to."

Yesterday Childline denied that children were being put in greater danger.

"Murder has always gone hand in hand with incest. Childline has not caused the problems, they were already there," it said.

Protestors in court

Nine people charged after demonstrations outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, appeared before Thames magistrates yesterday.

Derrick Branks, aged 39, a printer, of Edmonton, north London, was fined £10 with £10 costs and Roderick McFadyan, aged 49, a compositor, of Orpington, Kent, was fined £100 for being drunk and disorderly.

ITN starts news for Europe

By Our Media Correspondent

Independent Television News last night launched its pan-European news programme without a key agreement allowing it unlimited use *of news reports gathered by* continental broadcasters.

ITN executives spent the weekend trying to secure individual agreements with 30 separate European television stations, but the process was incomplete yesterday, meaning that the new service may be unable to broadcast many stories gathered by European camera crews.

ITN had hoped to receive permission to use the reports from the European Broadcasting Union, the consortium which includes almost all European TV organizations.

An agreement in principle *was reached last month, but* the union notified ITN last Friday that it had not yet been possible to ratify it.

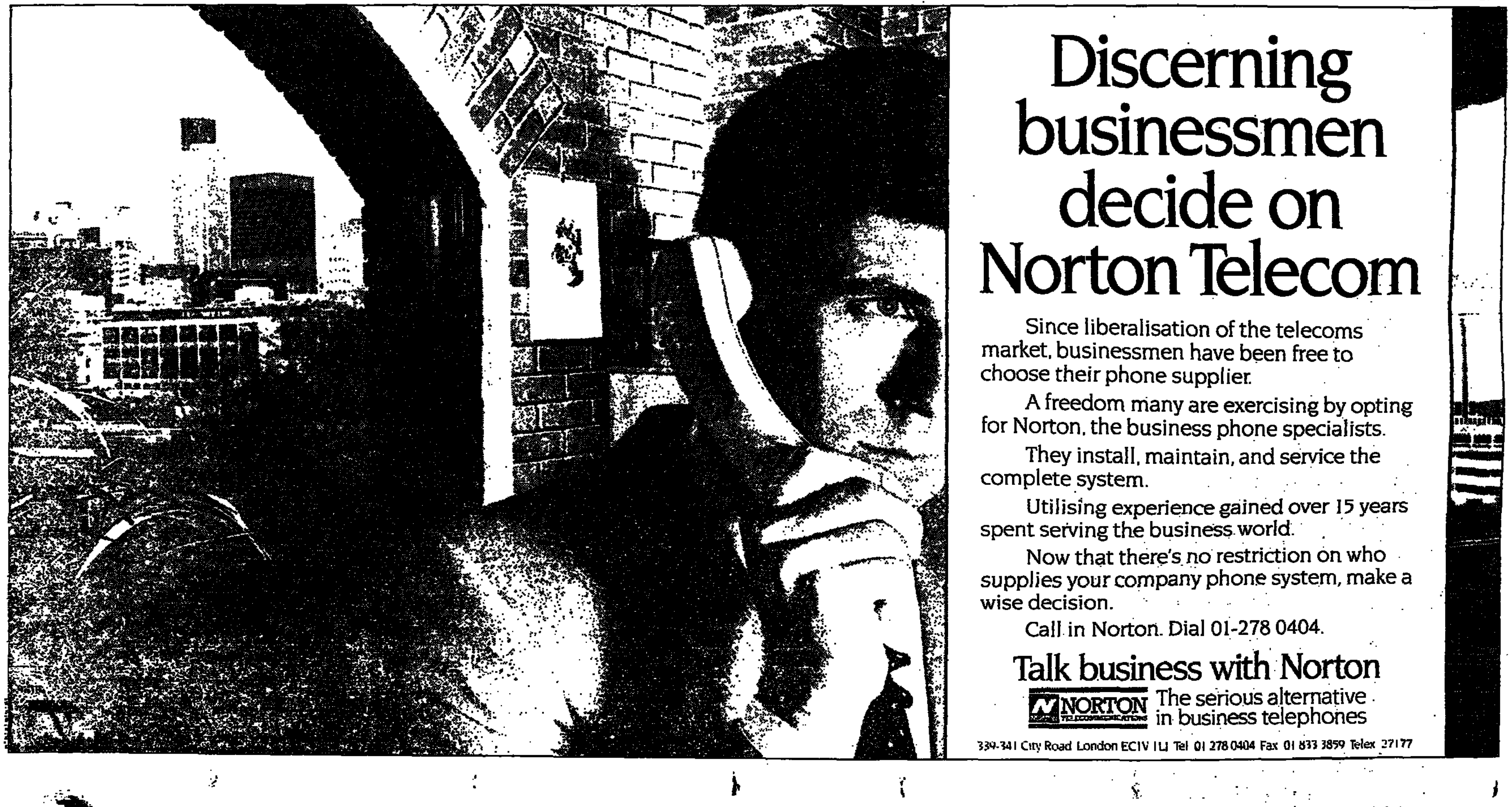
ITN is transmitting its programme on SuperChannel, the cable station created by many ITV companies and the Virgin Group.

The union agreement had been seen by ITN as crucial to its plan to develop a news broadcast with a European flavour. Until an agreement can be reached, ITN intends to rely on other sources.

● Ministers are backing a national independent radio station to compete with the BBC, it was confirmed yesterday.

They also intend to revive the idea of community radio, which would involve giving *special interest groups* access to the airwaves.

As disclosed in *The Times* in October, the proposals will be put forward in a Government Green Paper on the future of radio, now due to be published in the last week of this month



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Two jailed for rape and savage attack at Ealing vicarage

Martin McCall, one of a three-man gang which went to burgle a *suburban vicarage* in a raid that ended in savagery and rape, was jailed for 10 years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

The Rev Michael Saward, the vicar of Ealing, west London, had his skull fractured with his cricket bat, a woman was raped and a second man's skull was cracked during the raid last March.

Mr Justice Leonard told McCall: "I cannot possibly pass a sentence which adequately reflects the horror the public undoubtedly feels because otherwise you would be in prison for a disproportionate period for a 22-year-old man."

The judge *described* offences by the three men during the raid as "wicked" and added: "It does not matter if it was a vicarage or any other dwelling, the effect of that kind of conduct is truly terrifying."

The three men admitted aggravated burglary at the vicarage: Robert Horscroft, aged 34, unemployed, of Limeswalk, Ealing; Christopher Byrne, aged 22, unemployed, of Canada Crescent, Acton, west *London; and* McCall, aged 22, unemployed, of Saxon Drive, Acton.

McCall and Byrne also *admitted* rape. In addition, Horscroft and Byrne admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm on Mr Saward. Byrne also admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm on the second man.

Bryne was jailed for eight years. Horscroft, described as a "a very experienced burglar," will be sentenced today.

Jacqueline Defelice, aged 36, of Limes Walk, Ealing, admitted perverting the course of justice after the burglary by concealing knives, a balaclava mask, a pair of *gloves and a rubber glove.* She was jailed for 18 months, suspended for two years.

The gang, armed with knives, burst into the vicarage to steal property, the court was told.

Jewellery, video equipment, a calculator and a credit card were among items stolen in the raid.

Police praised the courage of the rape victim, immediately after the attack. She gave detailed descriptions of the gang and remembered noticing two marks on at least one of them.

When Byrne pleaded to the rape and grievous bodily harm charges, he emphasized his role was as "an aider and *abetter*".

Mr Michael Corkery, QC, counsel for Byrne, told the court: "He wants to make it clear he was not pleading guilty as a principle. He was an assister but did not penetrate the lady's body."

Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC, for the prosecution, said that just after noon on March 6 last the three left Horscroft's house to cross a railway line which divided his housing estate from the vicarage.

They set off on what was planned to be a burglary and went first to another address *in* Queen Anne's Gardens some yards away. But the woman householder was too frightened to open her front door.

They went on to the vicarage. The three people inside were Mr Saward, a woman and a friend.

Earlier, a fund-raising consultant had visited the vicarage. "As he was leaving he had seen three men, extremely scruffily dressed, in the drive," Mr Purnell said.

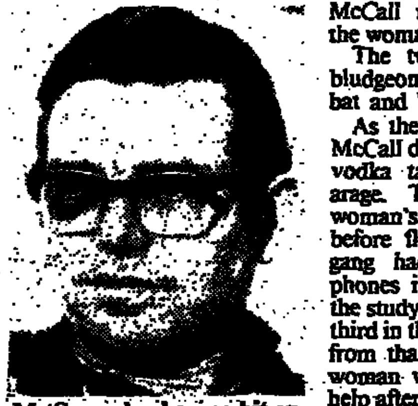
"He *thought* they were dustmen. It was apparent they had gained access from one of the three paths at the side.

"Two of the men were posted at the doorway and McCall stood with his back to the door and held a knife in his hand. When the vicar answered the door McCall spun round with the knife and forced his way in, followed by Horscroft and Byrne."

Once inside Mr Saward saw the men were armed. "They *forced him into the study* where he had been working. They cut the telephone wires and threatened the vicar, demanding money, jewellery and the whereabouts of the safe.

"They were told it was not a house for a safe, but a vicarage. The family did not have large sums of money in the house," Mr Purnell said.

Asked about other occupants in the house the raiders were told a woman and a man were next door. At that moment the pair were brought in to the study at knifepoint by a member of the gang.



Mr Saward, who was hit on the head during the raid

"Byrne then put a knife to the woman's throat, asked her about the jewellery and made her go upstairs."

Mr Purnell said that Horscroft stood guard on the two men and "to incapacitate, and no doubt there was an element of humiliation, forced them to remove their trousers and underpants so effectively shackling them by their garments around their ankles."

Byrne took jewels and said to the woman: "Remember I was kind to you, do not tell the others," before bringing her downstairs. Byrne told the others he had found little property.

McCall, affecting not to believe him, pushed the woman upstairs and into a bedroom. Mr Purnell said the woman was a virgin.

McCall told her to take off her clothes, removed his own trousers and underpants, laid back on the bed, and forced her upon himself. He threatened her with the knife.

The other four then came into the room, the two men still "manacled" by their clothes, and complained.

McCall "was told by everybody to stop doing it," Mr Purnell said.

At that stage, the woman was allowed to get up and told to cover herself.

But, Mr Purnell said, nobody did anything to stop McCall, then taking her to another bedroom.

Horscroft and Byrne ordered the vicar and the other man to lie down on a rug and tied them up by their ankles and wrists, although it must have been apparent that the woman's ordeal was continuing in another room.

During her ordeal, Horscroft and Byrne entered the bedroom.

Horscroft repeated several times that he wanted nothing to do with it. "It's a totally different game we didn't come here for this we came here for money," he had said.

Mr Purnell said Byrne came into the room and remained. *He indecently* assaulted the woman while McCall was interfering with her.

When Byrne left the room, McCall indecently *assaulted* the woman.

The two men were then bludgeoned with the cricket bat and became unconscious.

As they were being beaten McCall drank from a bottle of vodka *taken from the* vicarage. The men tied the woman's wrists and ankles before fleeing. Although the gang had pulled out telephones in the bedroom and the study, it had not noticed a third in the kitchen, and it was from that telephone that the woman was able to ring for help after freeing herself.

Within two hours, police found Horscroft drinking in a public house near by. He claimed he had been totting in Ealing and when asked about the vicarage said: "What vicarage? What has that got to do with me?"

Mr Purnell said that on March 12, police arrested Horscroft and his cohabitant, Defelice.

She had described how McCall, Byrne and Byrne's brother, Andrew, had gone to *Horscroft's house saying they* wanted money.

"One said they would do the vicarage. Money would be there," Defelice had said.

Boy 'was denied a solicitor'

Police were accused yesterday of holding a boy aged 15 incommunicado and "milking him dry" of information during the search for the killers of Police Constable Keith Blakelock.

At the Central Criminal Court, Mr Michael West, QC, complained that the boy, who is now aged 16 and on trial for murder with five others, was arrested at school, refused a solicitor and that his family was not informed of his arrest.

Mr West said detectives had "drained" the youth during eight hours of interviews after the murder of the officer during the rioting on Broadwater Farm estate, Tottenham.

But Det Sergeant Colin Lockwood, *a Scotland Yard* officer drafted in for the murder investigation, said the boy's arrest at school was justified.

The decision to deny the schoolboy a solicitor — which is *permitted if police think* a solicitor's presence would hinder an investigation — had been taken by a senior officer.

One of the boy's teachers sat in on the interviews.

Det Sgt Lockwood agreed that the judge's *rules* gave a warning that juveniles and mentally ill or handicapped people were prone to provide information that was misleading and self-incriminating.

He said he had not been aware at the time that the youth was backward.

The officer was being cross-examined by Mr West, for the defence, on the ninth day of the trial of the six, who all deny murder, riotous assembly and affray.

They are Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer, of Martlesham, Broadwater Farm Estate; Mark Braithwaite, aged 20, unemployed, of Canonbury Villas, Islington, north London; Engin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Finsbury House, Partridge Way, Wood Green, north London; and three juveniles.

The youth arrested at school also denies making petrol bombs with intent to burn or disable police officers or to enable others to do so, and throwing a petrol bomb at an unknown police officer with intent to burn or disable. Raghip denies providing bottles to make petrol bombs.

The hearing continues today.

Airline's Aids fear led to ban on men

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Promiscuous male cabin staff might have led to a spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids) among airline passengers, the Equal Opportunities Commission was told during an investigation into allegations of sex discrimination by Dan Air.

The airline, which carries up to five million passengers a *year, had* been accused by the commission of refusing even to interview men for the 1,000 jobs available as cabin staff on its *fleet of jets. The airline* preferred to use women cabin staff only.

In defence it said it would not change its 30-year-old "girls only" policy because:

- **Aids mainly affected homosexuals.**
- **A large proportion of men (up to 30 per cent) who are attracted to cabin staff work were homosexual.**
- **Cabin staff were sexually promiscuous.**
- **Aids was principally transmitted by sexual intercourse.**
- **Aids could be transmitted by blood and saliva and could therefore be *transmitted to or* from passengers when staff cut themselves at work or when passengers required artificial resuscitation.**

The commission took medical advice on Dan Air's claims and rejected *its arguments.* "There was no scientific justification for the assertion," the formal report published yesterday by the commission said.

Dan Air later withdrew its *objections and has promised* the commission that both men and women will be eligible for jobs.

But Mr George Yeaman, spokesman for the airline, said yesterday that it would probably take on only about six men to work in the cabins of the company's jets, which fly regularly on holiday routes *throughout Europe.*

The commission, which receives a £3.6 million grant from the Government each year to ensure that men and women get equal opportunities at work, began its investigation into Dan Air in 1984 after two men had complained that they were not being accepted for interview.

In yesterday's report the commission said that for 30 years Dan Air had a policy of excluding men from cabin staff posts because of customer preference for girls.

But, the commission said, customer preference was not a reason to flout the law. It has now taken out a non-discrimination notice under the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975, requiring Dan Air to change its policy and to allow the commission to monitor progress.

Dan Air, which employs seven *female pilots,* while British Airways employs none so far, said that it had now voluntarily changed its policies and had done so before the non-discriminatory notice was served.

Britons spending more on food

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

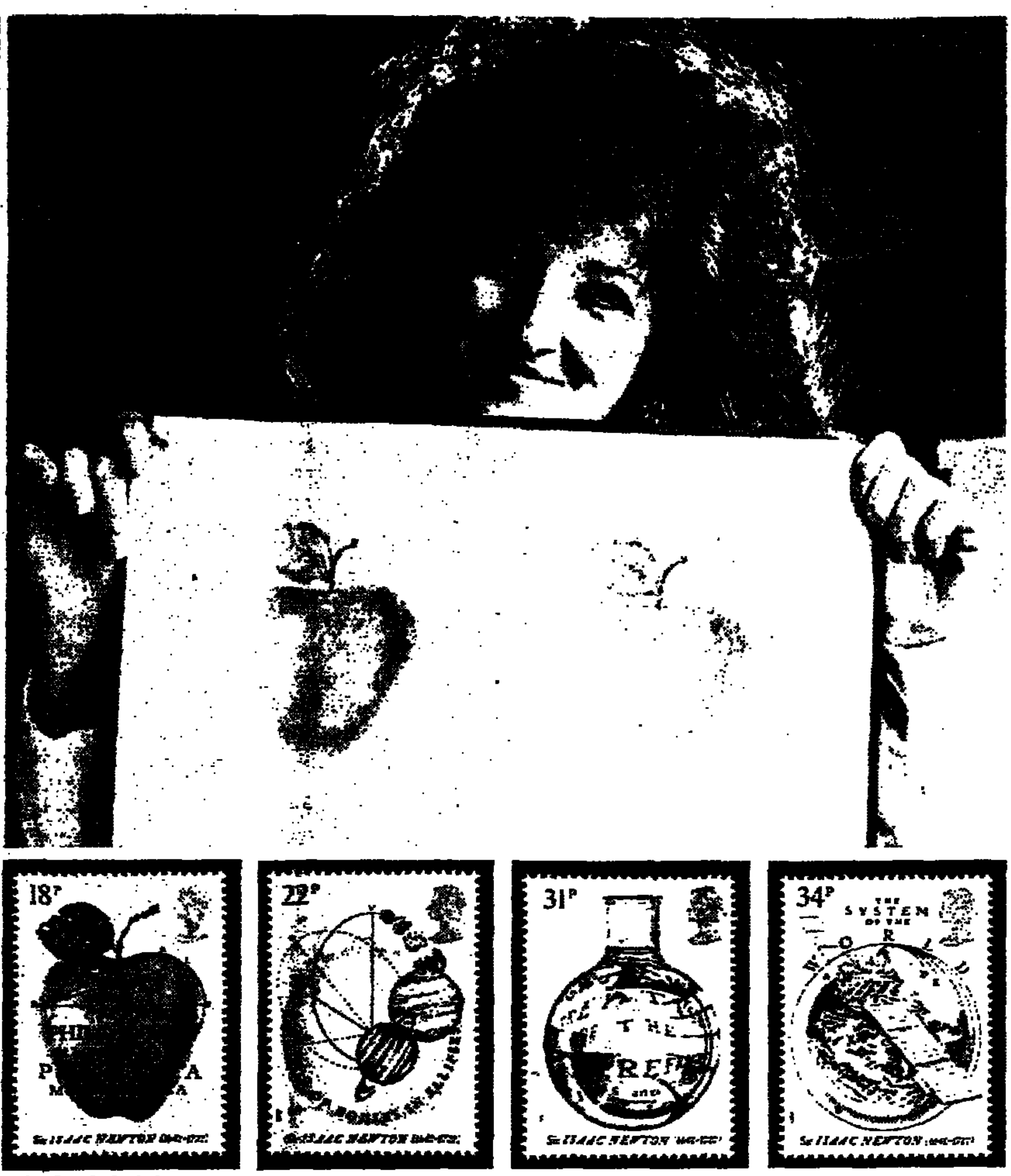
Britons spent more on food in real terms last year, reversing the trend of previous years, a new survey reveals.

There has been almost no growth in the food-buying sector for some years, and it actually decreased in 1984, after the effects of inflation were deducted.

The uplift in food retailing fortunes emerges in the latest food retailing review by the Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD), published yesterday.

It says more did their shopping, increasingly buying healthier foods, with the big multiple grocers.

The amount spent, allowing for inflation, was £29.7 billion. *Food Retailing Review 1986:* (IGD, Letchmore Heath, Watford, Hertfordshire WD2 8DQ; £120).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Miss Sarah Godwin, aged 22, with one of her preliminary designs for next month's Post Office issue commemorating the 300th anniversary of Sir Isaac Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Music for Chariots of Fire 'stolen'

Vangelis, the leading popular music composer, was accused in the High Court yesterday of stealing another man's music for his hugely popular tune "Chariots of Fire".

The haunting title theme from the 1981 film echoed around the courtroom as it was compared to a tape of music from an unknown Greek composer, Mr Stavros Logarides, aged 33.

Vangelis, aged 37, denies reproducing or adapting the work of Mr Logarides.

He is expected to play the music for the judge, Mr Justice Whitford, on electronic synthesizers which have been installed in the court for the two-week hearing.

Vangelis, of Queensgate, South Kensington, is being sued for breach of copyright in his real name of Evangelos Papathanasiou, by EMI Music Publishing, which acquired the rights to all works by Mr Logarides in 1983.

Mr Andrew Morritt, QC, for the company, claimed that *Chariots of Fire* reproduces substantially part of a song called *City of Violets* which was written by Mr Logarides for a Greek television series in 1975.

He claimed that Mr Logarides *had provided* Vangelis with tapes of the song when he came to London to use his recording studio in 1976, and that the song had been played for him at his London flat. Vangelis denied hearing the song, Mr Morritt said.

Expert evidence read by Mr Morritt claimed that a key four-note phrase in both pieces of music was identical.

Experts for Vangelis claim the four notes are very common but another EMI expert said that he thought reliance on the earlier work "seems far *more probable*".

EMI is seeking an injunction restraining Vangelis and his music publishers from infringing their copyright by reproducing the same material; an inquiry as to damages, and the delivery up of all records and sheet music which infringe their copyright.

The hearing continues.

Illiteracy affecting 7m adults

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Nearly one British adult in eight has real difficulty reading, writing or doing simple *sums, according to new* research published today.

It is based on the National Child Development study, which is keeping track of 12,500 people who were born in the first week of March, 1958.

The study has already shown that up to 4.5 million adults are effectively illiterate.

Now further analysis carried out at Lancaster University suggests that, including those who have problems with figures, brings *the number* who are illiterate or innumerate to nearly seven million.

The figures were highlighted last night by Granada Television's *World In Action* programme which commissioned a MORI poll of 1,000 adults and teenagers in Rochdale, Lancashire.

It showed that nearly half of those questioned could not read and understand either a bus timetable or a simple fire notice; nearly a *third* could not work out 50 per cent of 180, or deduct £1.80 from £5; a quarter could not fill in a simple job application form correctly; and a fifth could not divide £65 into £5 notes or add up the cost of a simple café meal.

The MORI poll suggests that Lancaster University's *estimate* of a 13 per cent illiteracy rate is conservative.

Ventriloquist drink fine

Keith Harris, the ventriloquist and creator of the character Orville the duck, was *banned* from driving for 18 months yesterday for after admitting that he drove with twice the permitted blood alcohol level.

The entertainer, aged 39, of Poole, Dorset, was also fined £300 and ordered to pay £15 costs by magistrates at Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Portfolio —Gold—
Seychelles holiday is planned

Mr Harry Stead, a retired professional photographer, could not believe it when he found he had won on Portfolio Gold yesterday.

"My reaction was total disbelief, I have *never* won anything in my entire life," he said.

Mr Stead, aged 79, of Bristol, is planning to spend his prize on a holiday with his wife Rita. "We have seen a programme on the Seychelles and rather fancy that," he said.

He has been a *Times* reader for "donkeys' years" *and* has played Portfolio Gold since it started.

Mr Stead shared yesterday's £8,000 prize with Mr Michael Hobbs, aged 48, an operations manager from Astwood Bank, Redditch, in Hereford and Worcester.

Mr Hobbs, who is a bachelor, said he planned to get his car overhauled with his prize.

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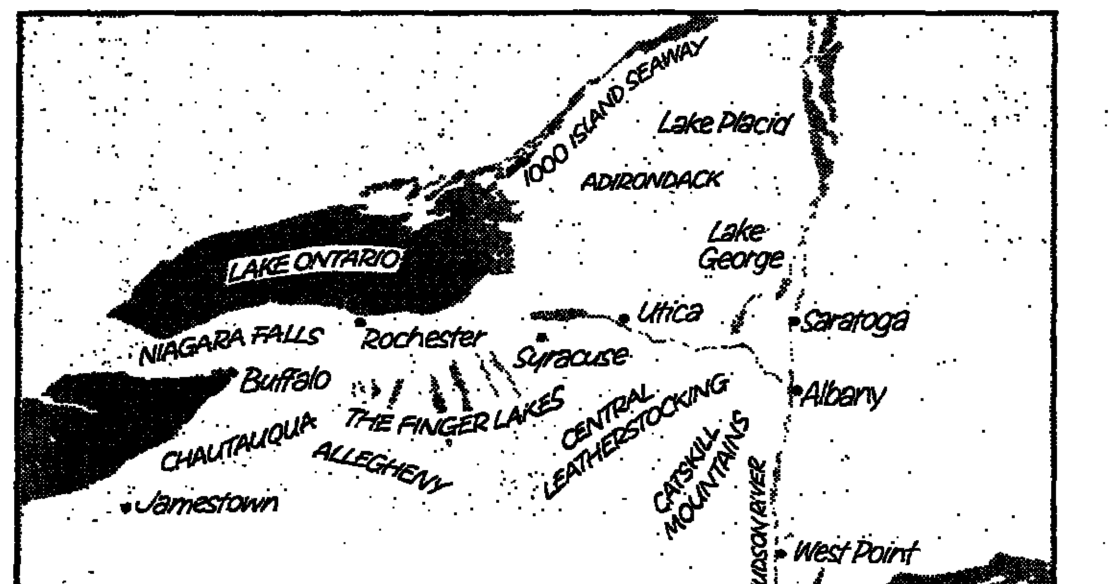
Mr Hobbs, who will have his car overhauled.

Sex trial delay

The Cynthia Payne trial at *Inner London Crown Court* was postponed again yesterday after counsel for the defence had to return to the Central Criminal Court for another case. The trial is expected to resume today.



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Speaker grants an emergency debate on raids

BBC SEARCH

The Commons is to hold an emergency debate tomorrow on the raid by the Special Branch on the offices of the BBC in Scotland, the London offices of the *New Statesman*, and the home of Mr Duncan Campbell, the journalist responsible for making the banned BBC film about the Zircon spy satellite.

Applying for the debate, **Mr Gerald Kaufman**, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that the raids involved the use of sections Two and Nine of the Official Secrets Act in a manner which many people believed would have serious implications for the freedom of the press and freedom of speech.

The matter should have urgent consideration because there were profound misgivings about the future of civil liberties in society and fears that Britain may be going down a road already travelled in such places as Eastern Europe . . . (Conservative protests).

The Speaker, granting the request, said a three-hour debate would be held on the subject tommorrow (Tuesday).

Earlier, in exchanges on a private notice question, **Mr Donald Dewar**, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotalnd, said that intimidation had been the aim behind the Special Branch raid on the BBC's Glasgow headquarters in which material relating to *The Secret Society* series had been seized. And it had been done with ministerial authority.

He said that search warrants had wrongly been used as crude, catch-all devices to carry out a general trawl of material relating not only to the particular programme dealing with the Zircon spy satellite project but also to all the other programmes in the series, which could only have the most tenuous connection with national security.

He sought assurances that there would be no repetition of this "dangerous nonsense", but in response **Mr Malcolm Rifkind**, Secretary of State for Scotland, distanced himself and the Government from any involvement in the police operation.

Ministers were not responsible for police requests for search warrants, nor were they responsible for decisions on the appropriateness of granting any warrants, he said.

In his statement, made in response to a private notice question from Mr Dewar, **Mr Rifkind** said: I am informed by the Crown Office that on Thursday January 29 the Procurator Fiscal in Glasgow was informed of a request by the Metropolitan Police for assistance with a criminal investigation which they were making in connection with an article by the journalist, Duncan Campbell, in the *New Statesman* of January 23.

The request was for a search for material relevant to that investigation to be made of the BBC premises at Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow, where it was believed that Campbell had worked in the course of preparing a series of programmes entitled *The Secret Society*.

A search was also requested of a flat at 27 Hamilton Drive, Glasgow, which had been occupied by Campbell — (Labour MPs: *Mr* Campbell) — by Mr Campbell while he had worked at the BBC.

I understand that on January 30 the Procurator Fiscal, with the authority of the Lord Advocate (Lord Cameron of Lochbroom), presented petitions to a sheriff at Glasgow to take the oath of an officer of the Metropolitan Police and to grant warrants to an officer of Strathclyde Police with such assistance as would be necessary to search the premises occupied by the BBC at Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow, and the house at 27 Hamilton Drive, Glasgow.

After hearing the Metropolitan Police officer, the sheriff granted the warrants to search.

At 8am on January 31, officers of Strathclyde Police and other police officers visited the BBC premises to execute the warrant. The commencement of the search was delayed while senior management of the BBC obtained legal advice.

As a consequence of that advice, a bill of suspension was presented to the High Court of Justiciary later that day on behalf of the BBC. The bill was heard on Saturday evening by a High Court judge. Lord Clyde, who after hearing counsel for the BBC and Crown counsel made an order suspending the warrant ad interim.

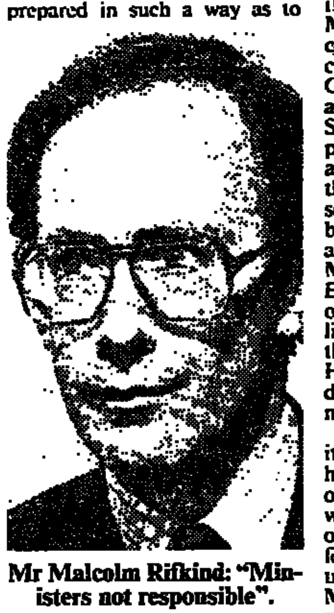
By the time the warrant was suspended, a quantity of material had been removed from the premises of the BBC and taken to a police office. This material was then returned to the BBC.

A further warrant was obtained to search the premises of the BBC after an officer of the Metropolitan Police had taken an oath before a sheriff. This warrant was then executed and a quantity of material removed from the premises of the BBC.

A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal by the police regarding their examination of that material.

Mr Dewar: Is it not clear from what the Secretary of State has said that this extraordinary and damaging chapter of accidents was stage-managed by the Crown Office with ministerial authority?

Why was the warrant — all three of them as it turned out — prepared in such a way as to allow what appears to have been a general trawl and the seizure of records and materials relating not only to the specific programme which dealt with the spy satellite but five others which could only have had a most tenuous connection with national security?



Mr Malcolm Rifkind: "Ministers not responsible".

Will he accept that the overwhelming impression left is that the aim was intimidation, that the police operation was meant as a warning, as a form of intimidation inhibiting and curtailing the proper curiosity of journalists on which a healthy press depends?

Does he not accept that the reputation of the police is an important public asset which has been damaged by this bizarre and incompetent performance?

Does he accept that a warrant should not be used as a crude, catch-all device but processed in a measured way and drawn with a careful regard for civil liberties and essential freedoms?

Will he not accept these criteria were not met on this ocassion and public opinion is totally outraged — (Conservative protests) — and wants the most complete assurance that this dangerous nonsense will not be repeated on any future ocassion?

Rifkind: He chose to put his question down to be answered by the Secretary of State for Scotland.

I have to inform him that neither I nor the Government had any responsibility for a request made by the Metropolitan Police for search warrants — (Labour protests) — nor am I responsible for the conduct of the Fiscal service, nor am I or the Government in any way responsible for decisions that might be taken by a sheriff in Glasgow as to the appropriateness of granting such warrants.

I have to say to him that he should be the first to appreciate, given his own legal background, that matters of police inquiries and questions as to whether search warrants should be granted are not matters for me or the Government as a whole.

Sir Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C): BBC Scotland staff are loyal and hard-working and the worst I expect to come out of this is that one or two were badly led astray by someone wgho enjoys embarrassing Government and opposition alike.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind: I do not wish to comment on the merits of the matter. Quite clearly if the material which has been removed from the BBC offices in Glasgow justifies further action, it will be put before the Procurator Fiscal.

Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hillhead, SDP): Does the Secretary of State understand that the Government must take responsibility for investigation of a matter concerning Government secrets with which the Government has embroiled itself deliberately and closely. Who is politically responsible for this action, for which he has been put up to answer? (Conservative protests). Is it the Home Secretary, the Attorney General or the Prime Minister.

What is the supreme objective for which the Government is prepared to look as though it were running a second-rate police state, infused equally by illiberalism and incompetence.

Mr Rifkind: I am answering the question because Mr Dewar chose to put it down to me (loud Opposition shouts of "No"). As a former distinguished Home Secretary, he should be the last person to suggest that ministers are responsible for requests by the Metropolitan Police for search warrants, or for decisions by the sheriff whether such applications should be granted.

Mr Barry Henderson (North East Fife, C): The vast majority of patriotic people who pay licence fees to the BBC expect the Government and indeed the House tp support those whose duty it is to protect the country's national security.

Would he agree with me that it is surprising to many licence holders to find the BBC, instead of doing its level best to discover whether treachery is within its organization, is seeking to defend those whose trade is treachery.

Mr Rifkind: Naturally, if the police have reason to believe that criminal offences have been committed, the general public expect the police to take such action.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab): He says that he has no responsibility in ther matter at all. Has he no interest in the way the police carry out their duties in this respect. Will he tell us whether in the raid in Scotland, the police presumed to do what they did at the *New Statesman* office, to investigate not only a particular matter, which they were supposed to be investigating, but a general search through files in the newspaper. Should he not protect the freedom of the people of Scotland?

Mr Rifkind: I am generally responsible for the police service in Scotland, but not for the Metropolitan Police, nor for that matter whether the Scottish police — and nor is the Home Secretary — whether police, in respect of information they have, consider it appropriate to apply for a search warrant.

Opposition MPs know perfectly well that they are embarking on a totally new constitutional path if they wish to suggest that the Home Secretary of the day, or the Secretary of State for Scotland of the day, should have any responsibility for whether the police decide that a search warrant is appropriate or for whether a judge should grant it. If that is the view of the Opposition, it is acting in a more irresponsible way than I believed possible.

Mr Michael Mates (East Hampshire, C): In matters like this, involving national security, it is the duty of everyone to put national interest before personal interest. Is he entirely satisfied that, in the events of the past weekend, that the BBC put national interest before their own.

Mr Rifkind: I prefer not to comment on the BBC, but I agree with him that clearly the national interest must be of supreme importance.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP) said that the action had been more intended to save the Government from embarrassment than anything else.

"The Prime Minister, last week, in saying that they had managed to stop the BBC programme, simply meant that it did not matter what the Russians knew, so long as it was kept from people in the United Kingdom. This raid in Scotland is regarded as a dangerous attack on free speech in this country" (Conservative protests).

Mr Rifkind: He should realize that the decision whether there should be a search of BBC premises was applied for by the police and granted by a Scottish judge. If he has any criticisms he wishes to make, he knows perfectly well in which direction they should be made.

Mr Raymond Whitney (Wycombe, C): Some Opposition MPs are seeking to exploit a situation arising from the extraordinarily irresponsible decision of the BBC to entrust a programme on national security to a man with a record of breaches of national security like Duncan Campbell. It is like entrusting Myra Hindley with charge of a children's home.

Mr Rifkind: Those involved have to answer for the exercise of their own discretion.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab): Mr Rifkind's statement will not be believed by millions of people because they know very well that it has nothing to do with law and order and national security, but with a Prime Mininster who thinks she has a divine right to rule and that everybody, local authorities, trade unions, journalists, broadcasters, and MPs who stand in the way of her wishes, are to be denounced, intimidated and crushed.

The Home Secretary, responsible for police, prisons, MI5, Special Branch and the BBC, is for introducing a police state which is a greater threat to parliamentary democracy than anything since the destruction of Hitler in 1945 (Conservative protests).

Mr Rifkind: Mr Benn is well known for occasional fits of paranoia, but whereas in a system he might prefer, it might be right for a minister to determine whether a search warrant should be applied for and granted, in the United Kingdom today these are not matters decided by ministers, nor will they be while the present Government is in office.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: Since the Home Secretary is responsible for the Metropolitan Police and broadcasting, will Mr Rifkind find out from him when the five master tapes belonging to the BBC of programmes nothing to do with national security will be returned. Will he confirm that staff were brought to the BBC in the middle of the night, and is the knock on the door in the middle of the night to become part of our system?

Mr Rifkind: He can put down a question. The staff were asked if they were willing to go in to assist, and they chose to do so, because they were clearly aware of their public responsibility.

Dr David Owen, SDP leader and MP for Devonport, talking to dockyard workers from Rosyth and Devonport when they lobbied the House of Commons yesterday during the Royal Navy debate.

Inner city stress putting society 'in danger'

HOUSE OF LORDS

A warning about about the future of British society if the alienation of disadvantaged people, particularly in the inner cities, was allowed to continue, was given in the House of Lords by **Lord Scarman** (Ind).

In a debate on the inner cities, he said: "Those suffering these disadvantages, a suffering greatly enhanced by the existence in our inner cities of racial disadvantage and prejudice, are in danger of being alienated from the mainstream of British society.

"If we allow that alienation to develop or to become a sturdy weed in our society, I fear for the future of the country."

Lord Scarman, opening the debate, said that grave injustices and disadvantages existed within the inner cities which, if not overcome, would add hopelessness to the mixture which would be explosive.

"Let us not forget in this debate the decline and decay which hangs over the nation which introduces, into what is on the whole a happy and sunny place, a very dark and dangerous shadow," he said.

In coping with the problem there were a number of paramount issues to be tackled: there had to be a sufficiency of resources, including finance, to meet the scale of the problem; a policy appropriate to meet the crises; and co-ordinated action by all to implement this policy.

"By co-ordinated action I mean a partnership between central government, local government, private enterprise, voluntary and charitable organizations and the people who live and work, and try sometimes to play, in the inner cities and who suffer directly the disadvantage of which you and I only speak about for the most part."

Since 1969, successive governments had been all too aware of the horrendous problem on their doorstep. The trouble was that the policies pursued had been typical of the British disease. The problem had been looked at in principle and attacked pragmatically, step by step, no one quite knowing where those steps were leading.

In 1969 it had been seen as a local government problem to be solved through local government finance and that error had been allowed to continue.

The riots in Brixton, Liverpool and Toxteth had shaken the government of the day and encouraged it to expand the range of opportunities for individuals and investment in the inner cities. That had led to a recasting of the urban programme.

Where had it fallen down? The programme had not been devoid of success nor had it had been a cynical, paper operation, but it had not been as successful as the nation needed it to be.

Lord Scarman: Paramount issues to be tackled.

The first failure had been the financial restrictions imposed upon local government. The money taken out of the rate-support grant was now needed to fight the battle against decline and decay.

There had to be more consultation with the people living in the inner cities who had plenty to contribute. There was no chance of resolving these problems unless partnership was extended to include all government authorities, private enterprise and the residents.

While people were being put in bed-and-breakfast accommodation at ratepayers' expense, there were houses standing empty and decaying through lack of maintenance and use. There should be a register made of those empty properties so that action could be taken to bring them into use.

There was also the question of the billions of pounds raised from council house sales. Local authorities were not allowed to spend this money despite the vast bill for housing repairs that was accumulating. The rule prohibiting the release of that money was neither a rule of etiquette nor of law.

"I hope this debate will encourage ideas to be put forward which may help the Government and all of us to take steps to save the quality of civilized life in the United Kingdom"

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said that the stagnant breeding ground of all these troubles had been the town planners' dream of the 1950s and 1960s the municipal madness of the tower blocks and soulless housing estates.

It was that very combination of lack of personal responsibility and initiative, coupled with social engineering and guided by distant professionals, which had created the problem.

There seemed to be no easy solution. He wished to give power and responsibility to the people of the inner cities, to reduce their dependence on so-called authority. The existence of inner cities as they were today followed a period of considerable intervention by state authority. Once job opportunities and skilled workers were shifted out of the inner city they never returned.

"The problem has not been lack of policies, nor the lack of money. Central government is spending money in our inner cities, over £700 million this year in the inner city partnership areas alone, on employment, the environment and industry programmes.

"The authorities are spending vast sums, too. How well and wisely I am content to leave the Audit Commission to judge."

A better partnership within central government and better directing and co-ordination of its programmes was one Government objective.

Trident contract this year

The Government expected to place the contract for its second Trident submarine later this year, **Mr John Stanley**, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said when opening a debate on the Royal Navy.

He said that Trident, a centrepiece of the Government's future naval programme, was making very good progress as had been reflected in the recosting announced last week.

Even allowing for the effects of inflation and exchange-rate variations, this had showed a real reduction in costs of £546 million over last year's estimate.

Earlier he told **Mr Tam Dalyell** (Linlithgow, Lab), who asked for information on the reported loss of sonar sensor equipment from HMS Splendid in the Barents Sea, that there was no way the Government could be drawn on commenting on submarine operations.

In 1986, Royal Navy ships and submarines had visited 86 different countries and sailed more than 3½ million miles. They had carried out the first round-the-world deployment for 10 years.

The year also saw new ship orders to the value of nearly £2,000 million, including the first Trident submarine and three Type 23 frigates. Although the Navy was now numerically somewhat smaller than it was in 1979, it was hugely more capable.

The consequences of a non-nuclear policy in the naval field, as advocated by the Labour Party, would be wide ranging and hugely damaging.

The Navy entered 1987 with expenditure at record levels in recent times, with seven new classes of ship and submarine ordered.

Council cash laws on way

The Audit Commission's report revealing that 12 local authorities had failed to present balanced accounts for the year ended March 31, 1986, was a condemnation and indictment of inefficiency and waste that could not be tolerated, **Lord Skelmersdale**, the Government spokesman, said during question time in the House of Lords.

Asked by **Lord Boyd-Carpenter** (C) if the Government was contemplating introducing more effective sanctions against local authorities which defied the law, he replied: Yes, that is very much in our minds in considering the responses by local authorities and others to the consultation paper on the Whitaker report.

Bridge means many jobs

The proposed new Thames bridge at Dartford should provide up to 5,000 man-years of employment, **Mr John Moore**, Secretary of State for Transport, said during Commons questions. Many jobs would be in steel production and fabrication in the North-east.

Mr John Watts (Slough, C) said that any measure to relieve congestion at the Dartford Tunnel and to speed traffic flow on the M25 would benefit all road users.

Mr Moore said that the bridge might be the equivalent of 10 or 15 by-passes in money terms. He would welcome additional money spent on such important infrastructure projects. If this could be done through private finance, that would help.

New chaplain for Speaker

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) announced that Canon Donald Gray, Rector of Liverpool, had been appointed as his chaplain. He would take up his duties after the Easter recess.

Mr Weatherill expressed thanks to Canon Trevor Beeson for his contribution to the life of the House during his years as chaplain from January 1982, and said Canon Beeson took with him the good wishes of the House on his appointment as Dean of Winchester.

New marriage rules praised

The new procedure by which Marriage Enabling Bills are dealt with in committee rather than on the floor of the House of Lords was welcomed by **Lord Mishcon** (Lab) when the first Bills dealt with under the new system came before the House.

"This is very much more dignified than the old procedure when these often sad matters had to come before us in open session", he said. "I think we can congratulate ourselves that this has now been set in motion."

Drink penalty for review

The police believe that their present powers to enforce the laws on driving after drinking are adequate, but the Department of Transport is nevertheless reviewing the law to see whether penalties could be tougher, **Mr John Moore**, Secretary of State for Transport, said.

Some MPs suggested stronger measures against drink-driving, but the minister said: "It is the attitude of those who break the law which needs to be changed".

More minibus services

Minibus services were now operating in about 150 towns and cities and the number was growing, **Mr David Mitchell**, Minister of State for Transport, said during Commons questions. He added that the Transport Act, 1985, had unlocked the enterprise and innovation previously smothered by over-heavy regulation.

Tobacco cash

It is estimated that £5,540 million was raised last year from excise duties and value-added tax on tobacco products, **Mr Nigel Lawson**, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in a Commons written reply.

Animals Bill

The Animals (Scotland) Bill, which relates to provision for civil liability for injury or damage caused by animals, the detention of straying animals and the protection of persons or livestock from animals, was read the third time in the House of Lords and passed.

IBA measure

The Broadcasting Bill, which alters the maximum period for which programmes may be provided under contracts with the Independent Broadcasting Authority, was read the third time in the House of Lords and passed.

Correction

A Norwegian scheme for generating electricity was wrongly referred to on January 27 as involving tidal power. It is a wave-power system, which is small-scale and does not affect the Department of Energy's decision to close its wave-energy programme. The department's sponsorship of tidal-power research continues.

Big rise in House of Lords workload

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The workload of the House of Lords rose sharply in the last session with peers sitting longer and later, voting more frequently and asking more questions.

According to the figures released for the 1985-86 session, which ended last October, the average length of a day's sitting was seven hours 21 minutes. That compares with six hours 47 minutes in 1984-85, which was itself thought to be a heavy session.

The number of sittings going past 10pm, for a predominantly elderly House, went up from 53 to 93. The number of divisions rose to 250, compared with the previous year's total of 145.

The figures prove the case for the Opposition parties, which cite the increase in work as justifying an injection of new, younger, "working" peers.

A pattern emerging from an analysis of the past five sessions is of an Upper House spending much more time in revising Government legislation than on general debates. It also defeated Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Administration more than 100 times on public Bills.

The number of peers totalled 1,171, including 790 hereditary ones. But more than 200 of these have either taken leave of absence, disclaimed their titles or are without writs.

In reality the daily average attendance was only 317. Government ministers, the Opposition leader and Chief Whip are the only peers to receive any pay. But many of the others qualify for some sort of allowance.

The figures also disclose the determination of many elderly peers to carry on making a contribution to the House to an impressive age. The peace campaigner Lord Brockway, aged 99 this year, attended 112 of 165 sittings last session. Lord Stockton, who died in December aged 92, had attended 12 times

Peter Wright case

Havers promises statement

SPY BOOK

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, gave an undertaking during Commons questions that he would make a statement in the House after the conclusion of the Peter Wright case in Australia, in which the Government is attempting to stop publication of the memoires of the former MI5 officer.

He was replying to **Mr John Morris**, chief Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, who at the end of a series of exchanges asked if the Attorney General was saying clearly and unequivocally that, provided he could get over any legal difficulties that might remain after judgment was delivered in the first instance in Australia, he would not be thwarted even by the Prime Minister but would make a statement.

Sir Michael Havers: Yes.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab), who began the exchanges, said that it was only after questions particularly by Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, on November 27 that the Attorney General took steps to correct a perjury in the Australian court. Why did the correction take so long?

Sir Michael Havers said that there was no question of perjury, which required an intended deception of the court. So far as anything else was concerned, he was bound by the attitude adopted by the Government on this.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that one of the important lessons of the Wright case was that civil liberties should not be undermined by the administration of the day. This lesson did not appear to have been learnt by the Government, bearing in mind the KGB-like operation taken against the BBC in Glasgow.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): Order. It must refer to this question.

Sir Michael Havers: I would have thought that Mr Winnick would have realized by now the principle the Government is trying to follow in the court in New South Wales.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said that while the people of Walsall North might be waiting with bated breath, no one in his constituency had written to him or even mentioned the subject (laughter).

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) said there was never any shortage of Opposition MPs jumping up to defend, regardless of the circumstances, fellow-travelling journalists in Britain who were seeking to undermine national security.

Sir Michael Havers: It has struck me as curious that, whereas the Leader of the Opposition has agreed that there could be a serious breach of national security, so many Labour MPs take a totally different view.

Mr Alexander Carlile (Montgomery, L) said that recent events had given rise to public anxiety about the whole attitude of government of whatever colour to secrecy in this country. Would the Attorney General advise the Prime Minister that the time had come for a thoroughgoing and fresh inquiry into the whole subject of secrecy and secrecy legislation?

Sir Michael Havers: No.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Emergency debate on Special Branch searches in connection with the Zircon spy satellite film. Channel Tunnel Bill, remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Fire Safety and Safety at Places of Sport Bill, committee.

Tunnel will bring big boost for BR

The Channel Tunnel will take 1,000 heavy lorries a day off British roads and its construction will bring jobs to Scotland and the North of England, **Mr John Moore**, Secretary of State for Transport, said during question time.

Mr Gary Waller (Keighley, C) asked for an estimate of increases in rail freight resulting from the project and **Mr Moore** said that British Rail estimated that rail freight traffic between the United Kingdom and the Continent would treble.

Mr Waller said that the North of England would benefit particularly from long-haul routes attracting freight from road to rail.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C): As the board rooom of Eurotunnel is in well publicized turmoil, with the chairman, Lord Pennock, wanting to quit and as Sir Nigel Broackes is disenchanted and just about everyone else is disenchanted because of fear of being swamped by the French, could the minister cease peddling the pie-in-the-sky optimism he has just used and reflect that the Eurotunnel may not raise the last 96 per cent of the missing funds, and that the tunnel may not be built?

Mr Moore said that he would not answer questions about the board of Eurotunnel.

- Fears that the Channel Tunnel could present an open invitation to terrorist attack were expressed during Commons question by a Conservative MP.

Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) asked how it was going to to be possible for every vehicle to be inspected and X-rayed when, according to the chairman of the Channel Tunnel Group, such a machine had not yet been invented.

Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, said that Eurotunnel had proposed various arrangments to the Government.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP) said there was a great deal of disquiet about the fact that drivers would have to remain with their vehicles. The Channel Tunnel could turn out to be the longest crematorium in the world.

Mr Mitchell said that safety was a prime question. There was very long experience in Switzerland of drivers remaining with their vehicles and no serious incidents of the nature feared had taken place.

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MPs to quiz health chiefs over case of dying father

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Officials from a district health authority will be closely questioned by MPs in the Commons today on a hospital's failure to alert relatives to a dramatic and fatal deterioration in a patient's condition.

They will also be questioned over a consultant's "inexcusable" refusal to give any subsequent explanation to the dead man's daughter.

The case was highlighted in the annual report of the Health Ombudsman. MPs on the select committee which shadows the Ombudsman will be seeking assurances from Mid-Downs Health Authority, in Sussex, that it will not be repeated.

According to the report, the wife and daughter of the patient visited him in hospital soon after his admission for what they believed was a recurrence of arthritis in his knee.

Three days later they paid a second visit, found him unconscious and were "stunned" by his deterioration. Within hours he was dead.

The Ombudsman later established that a consultant had diagnosed staphylococcal septicaemia on the day of their first visit.

The daughter, told by a doctor that her father had deteriorated soon after that visit, complained that the hospital should have contacted her or her mother immediately.

The Ombudsman concluded that there had been "a serious failure of service", and that had denied the relatives "the opportunity to see him conscious before he died in the early hours of the morning following their second visit".

For the daughter, however, the trauma continued. Over the next six months she made a series of written and telephone inquiries to the consultant.

The consultant's secretary variously told her that he was unwell, on holiday or that her inquiries would be covered by an internal investigation.

Questioned by the Ombudsman, the consultant said that he did not reply because he did not regard himself as responsible for the father's care.

He said that it would have led to protracted correspondence and that he did not have time to go through the relevant clinical notes.

Asked what he had done with the daughter's first letter, he said that he either ignored such correspondence or let administrative officers deal with it.

In this case, he admitted that he had not passed on the letter.

In his report, the Ombudsman found "his failure to take any action at all inexcusable" and "his attitude to a temperately expressed request for information most discourteous".

No charges for police chief in Groce raid

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Inspector Douglas Lovelock, acquitted three weeks ago of maliciously wounding Mrs Cherry Groce during a police raid in Brixton, will not face any disciplinary charges over the incident, nor will other senior officers who planned the raid.

The decision was announced yesterday by the Police Complaints Authority after considering recommendations from Sir Kenneth Newman, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, on Mr Lovelock and two others.

The authority's decision is certain to raise indignation. A week ago Brixton police station was the centre of an demonstration demanding that there should be action against officers involved in the incident which left Mrs Groce paralysed from the waist down.

Yesterday's decision is the third involving a shooting incident in four years in which police officers have been acquitted by a court and no disciplinary action has been taken.

In the other two incidents, officers wounded Mr Stephen Waldorf in a London street in 1982 and an officer killed John Shorthouse, aged five, at his Birmingham home in 1985.

Nine officers from Hertfordshire will face hearings arising out of the search for Mrs Groce's son Michael, an armed robbery suspect, in south London which led to the raid on her home.

A detective inspector, a detective sergeant and seven detective constables face charges including neglecting to tell the London police of their operation, failure to make a Police National Computer check on Mr Groce, concealment of the object of the Hertfordshire operation, making a misleading or inaccurate statement and entering licensed premises while on duty without good cause.

In a statement yesterday the authority said that Mr Lovelock could not be charged with any disciplinary offence which was the same in substance as the criminal charge he faced.

Turning to the question of the circumstances surrounding the raid the statement said: "It is only if a failure in planning or execution of the raid can be said to amount to a neglect of duty that disciplinary cabrges can be brought".

The authority had studied the details of the raid and found "the officers involved gave careful consideration to how they could most effectively and with the least risk to the public carry out their professional duty to arrest a man suspected of serious crime and beleived to be armed".

It found that gathering information for the raid was difficult because of the problems of watching Mrs Groce's home where Michael Groce was suspected of staying. Using a car was impractical because of the locale

But there were lessons to be learnt, the statement said. The authority had studied both the London shooting and the death of John Shorthouse in a West Midlands police raid five weeks earlier.

A report had been sent to the Home Office recommended better supervision and control over armed operations, better training and selection.

Rise in remands worries minister

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Home Office ministers are concerned about the number of defendants remanded in custody instead of on bail, which they say has doubled in the past 10 years and which is largely to blame for the soaring prison population.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday that remand prisoners constitute 18 per cent of the prison population, compared with 5 to 6 per cent from 1945 to 1965 and 9 per cent in 1976.

That represented more than a doubling in a decade in the number of remand prisoners, from 4,000 -5,000 to 10,000, and also a doubling in percentage terms.

"It is fairly clear evidence that the courts are being more restrictive in awarding bail, notwithstanding the ready access to bail hostels and the presence of duty solicitors so that the case for bail can be put; and that some people who used to get bail are not getting it today," he said.

Mr Mellor was giving a briefing on measures contained in the Criminal Justice Bill, which come up for debate by MPs this week.

The Bail Act, 1976, which introduced a presumption in favour of bail and set out the factors for courts to take into account when considering bail, seemed to be having the "contrary effect to that which was intended", he added.

The rate of bail by magistrates varies greatly throughout the country although the mean was between 85 and 90 per cent.

In Dorset, Mr Mellor said, only 63 per cent of defendants appearing before magistrates were remanded on bail. Hertfordshire remanded 99 per cent.

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said that the numbers of prisoners being remanded in custody was not the main problem.

Mr Paul Cavadino, its research officer, said: "The Bail Act did have a considerable impact in cutting the numbers of defendants remanded in custody and even though the total has crept up to 65,450 in 1985, that is still lower than the 1975 total of 68,388".

The real reason, he added, for the doubling in the remand population was the much longer average stay of remand prisoners: 55 days compared with 25 days in 1975.

Mr David Evans surrounded by trombones at the Army Junior School of Music at Bovington Camp, Dorset, where he has just become professor of the trombone.

Mr Evans, who will be responsible for developing budding musical talent at the school, was formerly principal trombonist with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. He has played with most of the leading British orchestras.

His Bovington appointment is his second trombone professorship. For many years he has held the same post at the London College of Music.

Telecom staff face cash charges

Thirty-five people, many of them current or former British Telecom staff, are to face charges of false accounting after a joint police and BT investigation into the loss of millions of pounds in revenue from unlogged overseas calls (*Our Crime Correspondent writes*).

Yesterday the City of London police said that a total of 57 people were arrested in raids over the weekend involving City officers and the regional crime squad for the London area. Some face charges and others have been bailed to return to police stations at a later date.

The arrests came after investigations at Wren House, the international telephone exchange in the City, into whether staff were connecting lengthy calls abroad, many of them to the Far and Middle East, for acquaintances who were never charged.

Thousands face water cuts after mains leak

By David Sapsted

Hundreds of thousands of London households and offices face reduced water supplies, or no supplies at all, from today because of weather damage to one of the principal four-foot mains supplying the capital.

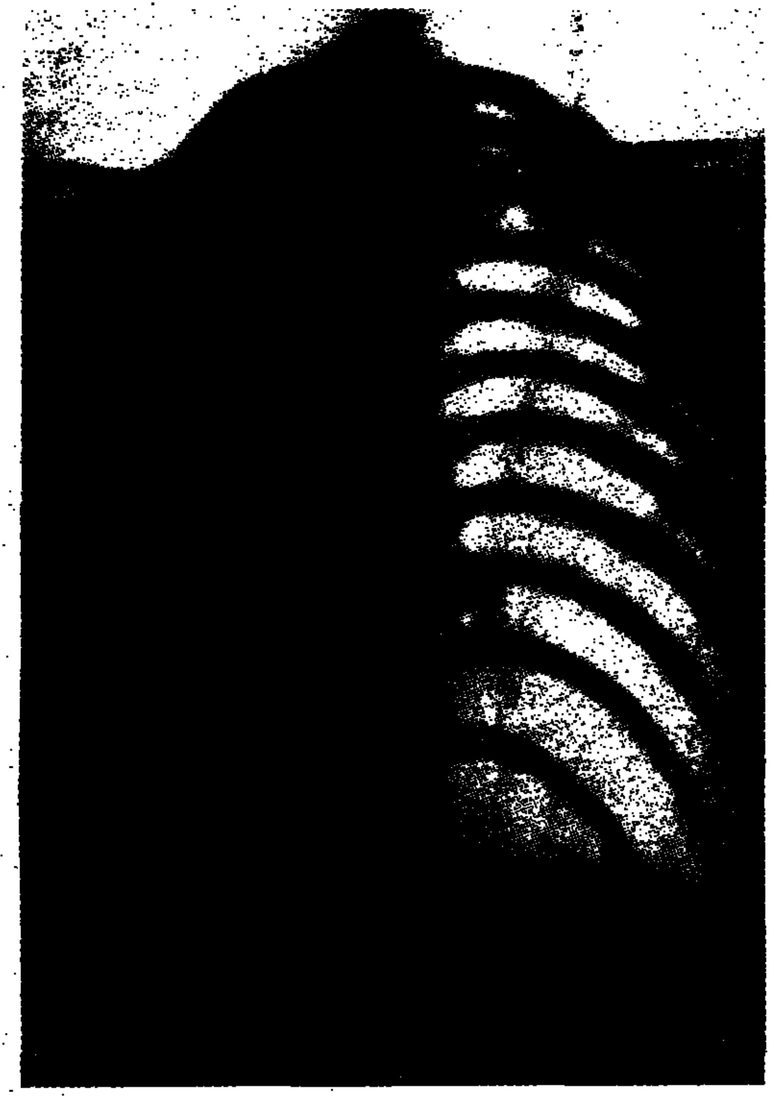
Thames Water Authority plans to have tankers on the streets of the West End, parts of the City and a huge area of north and north-west London in case supplies fail completely when the main is turned off.

"A small leak has been detected and it is estimated it will take up to 48 hours to repair the joint.

"We will be trying to maintain supplies by diverting water from other areas but people will notice a reduction in pressure and, in some cases, may be cut off altogether," the authority said yesterday.

Repairs will start at 9 am today and Thames has appealed to all its customers to be "sensible" with water usage until services are back to normal.

Areas likely to be affected include the West End, part of the Embankment, King's Cross, Soho, Camden, Hounslow, Ealing, Tottenham, Highgate, Highbury, Hornsey and East Finchley.



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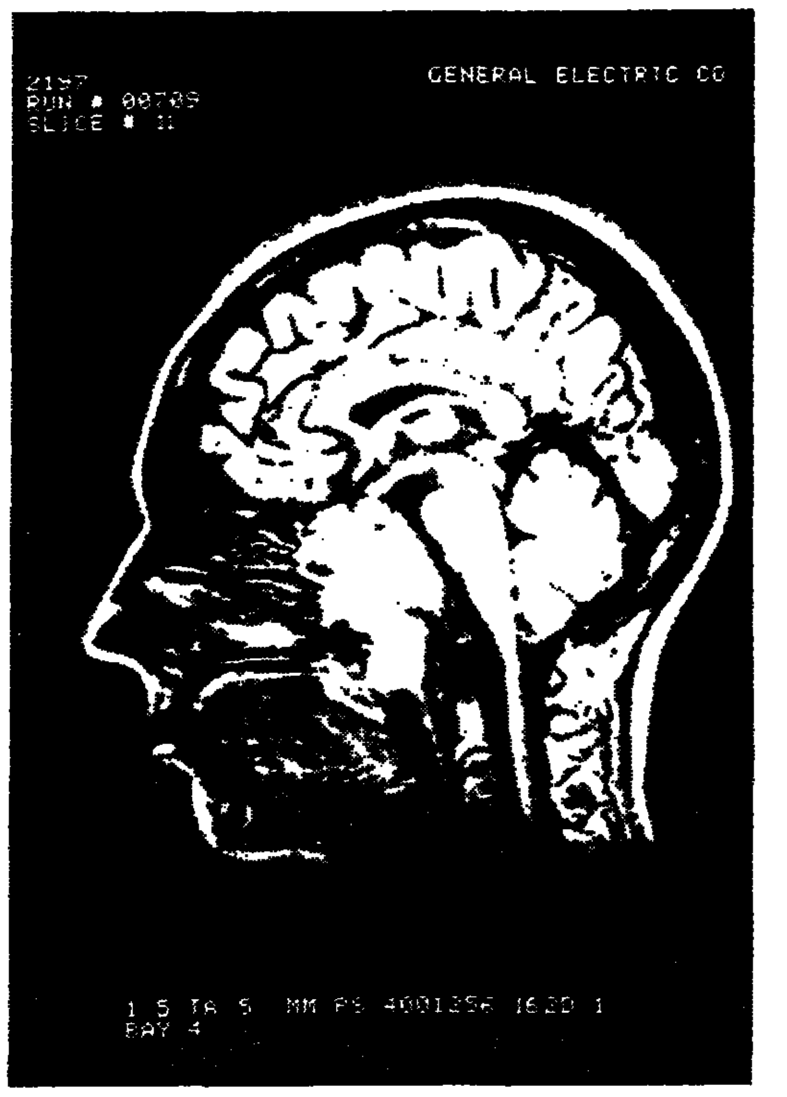

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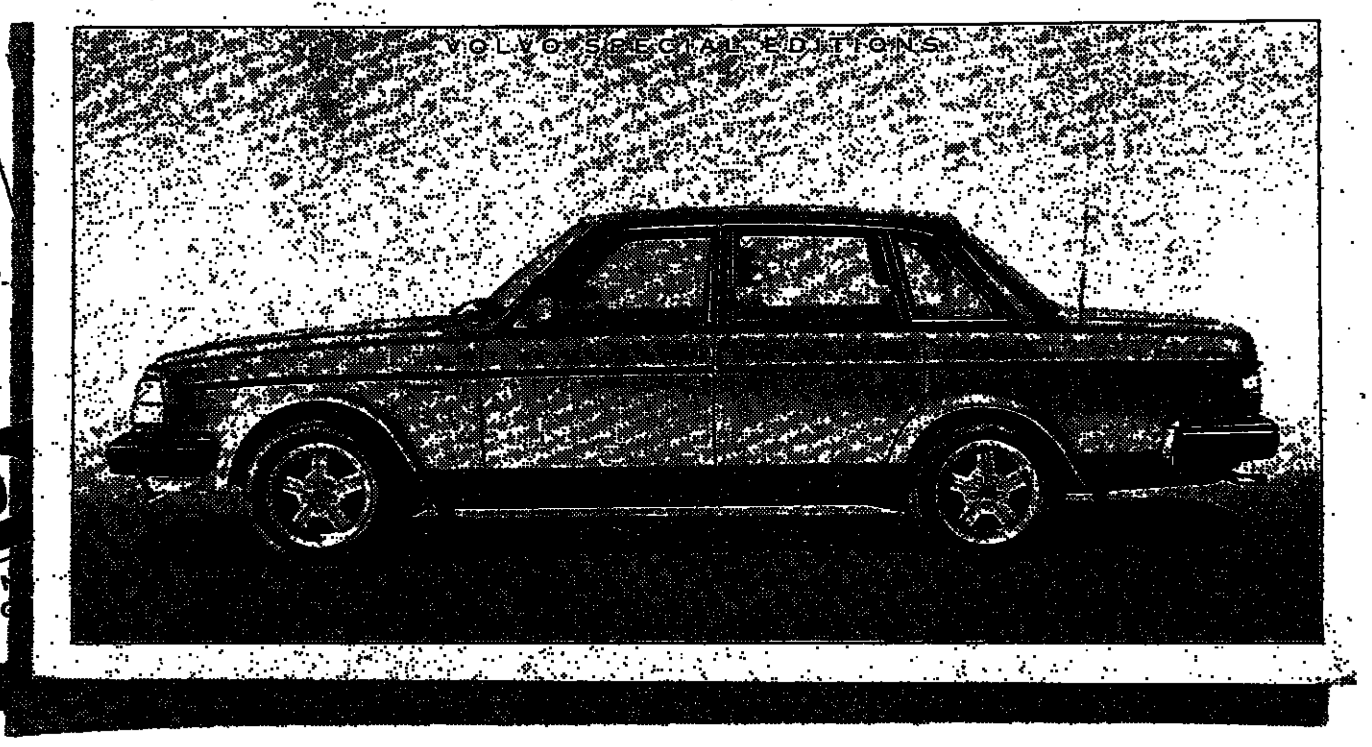

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Occupational trends

Service industries 'could create up to 500,000 new jobs'

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Britain's service industries could create 500,000 more jobs by 1990, two thirds of them for women, according to an Institute of Manpower Studies report to be published this week.

The seven service industries (retail and wholesale distribution, hotels and catering, banking, building societies, insurance and business services) are said to be spearheading a second industrial revolution underpinned by information technology, and to be dominating the thrust towards a post-industrial society.

Mr Amin Rajan, the author of the report, says the fastest growing sectors in the British economy were setting trends in social development such as job sharing, part-time work, working from home, and electronic banking and shopping.

The growth in the number of jobs would be set against the loss of 650,000 jobs in manufacturing. The increases would occur principally in three industries: business services (215,000), hotels and catering (120,000) and wholesale distribution (70,000).

Larger companies would provide more of the new jobs and the report forecasts that competitive pressures on small companies and the self-employed are likely to intensify.

They will, however, increase their business volume and workforce by capitalizing on special corners of their respective markets.

New entrants to the labour market, and not the long-term unemployed, are likely to benefit most.

The forecast is that the main beneficiaries will be women (two thirds of jobs), part-timers (a third) and the young (up to a quarter).

Increases are likely among the professions, among managerial professionals, clerical and sales personnel, and those providing personal services, particularly in the catering industry.

Occupations likely to see a fall in numbers include managers and operatives, mainly at branches, and stores where the emphasis turns towards larger but fewer outlets.

Mr Rajan says that Britain is in the midst of the second industrial revolution, propelled by a growth in services,

But he does have a reservation. The claim begins to look exaggerated, he says, in the context of the causes of growth, in particular the contracting out of services from the production industries.

Mr Rajan's theory is borne out by the most recent government figures, which confirm the steady decline employment in the heavy manufacturing industries. The trend towards service industries is dramatically emphasized by the decline in the steel-making Iron and Steel Trades Confederation which has seen its membership decline by more than half to 48,000 in eight years.

Services — The Second Industrial Revolution? by Amin Rajan: (Institute of Manpower Studies to the Occupations Study Group; Butterworths; £27.50).

Mr Brian Nickolls, who was named Toymaker of the Year in London yesterday at the British Toymakers Guild's annual fair. Mr Nickolls, from Axminster, Devon, specializes in miniature houses and furniture (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Blue dahlia cited in EEC trade safeguards call

The blue dahlias which bloomed every colour but blue have become a prime exhibit in the European Parliament.

They are cited as evidence of the need for a European equivalent of the Trades Descriptions Act, a piece of legislation which Britain, at the behest of the European Commission, is on the point of repealing.

The commission has declared the British Trades Descriptions Act a non-tariff barrier to trade between member-states

A Bill for its repeal has already passed its committee stage in the House of Lords.

Now Mr Christopher Jackson, the Conservative MEP for Kent East, has tabled a resolution calling on the EEC Commission to ensure that all goods and services sold throughout the EEC live up to their advertised descriptions.

Mr Jackson said yesterday that a firm of nurserymen in his constituency had imported dahlia tubers from the Netherlands, believing the Dutch suppliers' claim that they would blossom blue. But they did not.

Prediction of 'instant post' by satellite

By Robert Matthews

An almost instant postal service by satellite to any destination in Western Europe is being developed by the European Space Agency.

By 1989, the agency says that it will be possible for anyone with a small satellite receiving system to send high-quality copies of documents to anywhere in Europe cheaper than using the telephone-based facsimile system.

The system is the outcome of the agency's joint programme with European Commission called Apollo. The British Library, the world's largest distributor of documents, is taking part in the development.

An experimental transmission, which bounced copies of British Telecom International advertisements off the Eutelsat F2 communication satellite, recently took place at the library's document supply centre at Boston Spa, West Yorkshire.

According to Mr Andrew Braid, head of services development at the centre, the aim is to bring the cost of the system down to below £15,000.

The system should be economic for anyone needing upwards of 10,000 document transmissions a year, and the projected cost is about 75p for an A4 sheet.

Timeshare marketing: 2

Developers pledge to end harassment

In the second of two articles, Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent, describes the response of the timeshare developers to the Government's warnings and their efforts to polish their image and protect the customer.

At a press conference held by the Timeshare Developers Group to welcome the Government's initiative last week, questioners reported harassment by young people working for their companies in Spain and Portugal who had almost pulled people off the streets to visit their resorts.

"If I get a complaint of that sort," Mr Frank Chapman, managing director of Barratt Multi-Ownership and Hotels, said, "I fire the person immediately, right or wrong. It may be tough, but it is the only way to stop it."

The group represents six leading developers who claim to cater for about 35 per cent of British timeshare owners, as well as the two exchange organizations.

Mr David Holland, managing director of Wimpey Homes, one of the companies, acknowledged that it was that sort of selling that was attracting criticism.

"If a lady in national costume hands you a carnation at the airport with an invitation to see a development, or comes round a restaurant with the same offer, that is quite acceptable. Persistent young men and women in jeans on the streets and beaches are not. We are all determined to stop harassment," he said.

Mr Chapman has stopped the use of "persuaders" for any of Barratt's resorts. Although he has had few complaints, he says that the practice is unacceptable He is unrepentant, however, about trying to persuade customers to buy when they first visit a resort. "About 98 per cent of timeshares are bought on the first visit, and if we said 'don't buy now, go away and think about it' we might lose half the sales. We try to sell on the first day, and as long as there is an escape clause that is all right."

Between 75,000 and 100,000 people visit Barratt resorts each year and they each are given a present. About 80 per cent receive one worth £30 to £35, while the remaining 20 per cent could get something much more valuable, a diamond or a car, Mr Chapman said. One man won a car and did not buy a timeshare, he recalled.

The cost of those premiums in 1986 was £1.5 million. While the Department of Trade and Industry advisory leaflet says to beware gifts or prizes, the Timeshare Developers Group guarantees that all inducements are genuine.

The group has drawn up a code of practice which promises legally verified contracts and a minimum five-day period in which buyers can cancel. It is also working to stop the selling excesses.

The two other organizations which represent the industry are the British Property Timeshare Association and the European Holiday Timeshare Association. The BPTA says it condemns sales practices which involve harassment and it, too, has a code of ethics which includes a five-day cooling off period.

The EHTA offers arbitration in the case of disputes, a compensation fund and a 10-day cooling off period.

The EHTA is having talks with the BPTA with a view to bringing them closer. If that happens, the Timeshare Developers Group — made up of Barratt, Wimpey, Kenning Atlantic, European Ferries, Langdale and McInerney, RCI and Interval International — may join them.

Moves are under way to curb selling excesses. In Portugal, developers and local authorities have drawn up a voluntary code aimed at restricting the numbers of timeshare sellers on the streets, and a similar agreement has been reached on Malta.

The nuisance may not be totally eradicated but the timeshare industry knows that it must make its methods more acceptable and it is determined to do so.

Concluded

Sun 'misleading' over school book on gays

The Sun was entitled to report criticism of a picture story book about a girl, her father and his male lover, but some of its treatment was exaggerated and misleading, the Press Council said today.

The council upheld a complaint that its report and headlines wrongly and misleadingly stated that a vile book was available in London schools, and the editor failed to correct those misrepresentations.

The report, by Shan Lancaster, said a shocking schoolbook, titled *Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin*, showing a girl in bed with her homosexual father and his naked lover had outraged parents and teachers. The book, aimed at pupils aged six to eight, was being made available by education officials to junior schools.

According to the report, some head teachers had already banned the book. The report said it was being issued through the Inner London Education Authority (Ilea) and stocked by the Isledon Teachers Centre in Islington, north London.

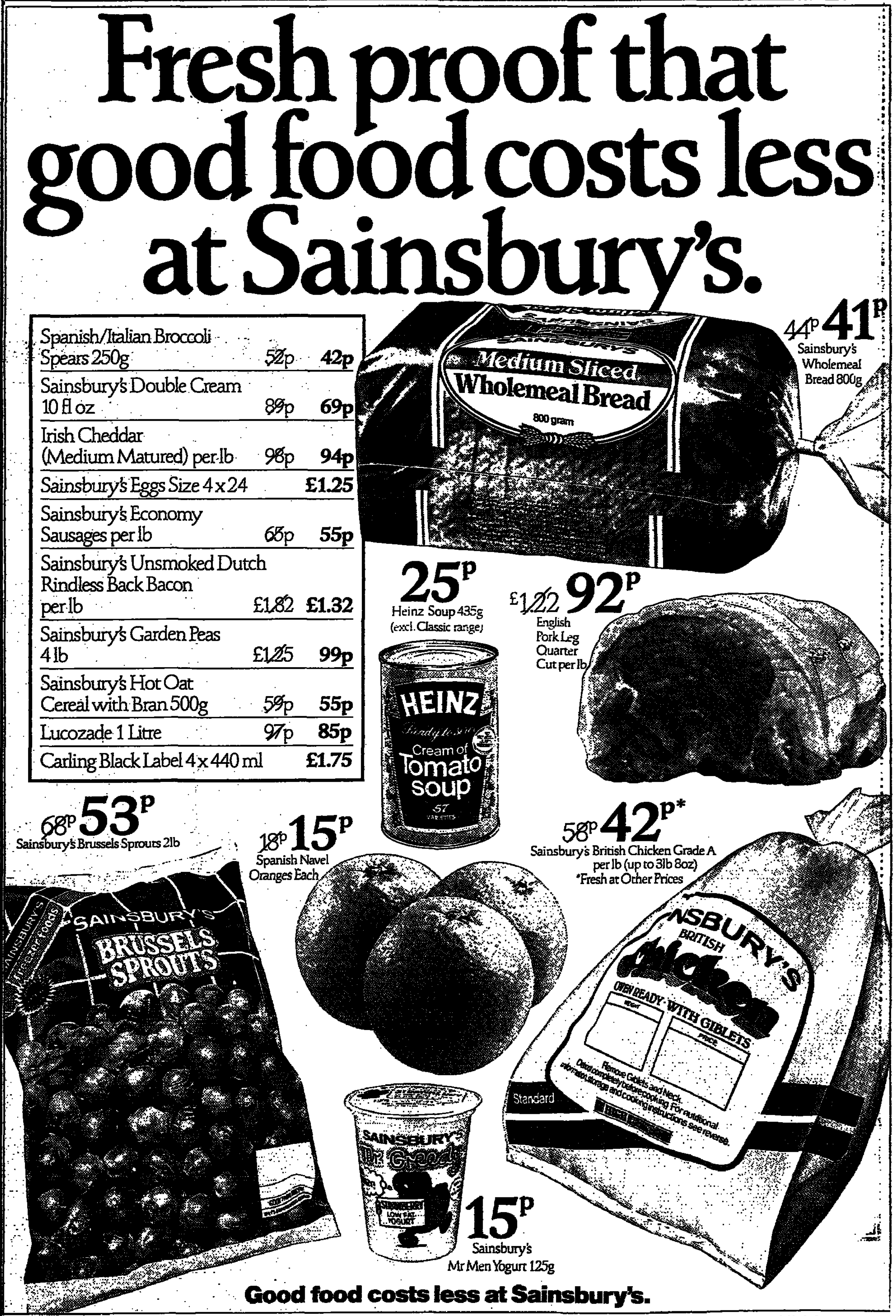
Mr David Northmore, of Regina Road, Finsbury Park, London, complained to the editor that the headline was misleading because the book was not vile and no copies were held in schools; only in teachers' centres.

He pointed to a statement by Mr William Stubbs, education officer and chief executive of Ilea, that Ilea did not consider the book to be suitable for general use in primary schools and that it should therefore not be available to pupils.

Miss Lancaster said she had tried three times to get a comment from Ilea but it refused to speak to her because it had a policy of not speaking to "Wapping" newspapers.

The Press Council considered other reports of an intervention by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Mr Baker's private secretary, Mr Robert Smith, noted the Ilea policy that it was willing to lend the book to schools on request and it might be made available to individual pupils in exceptional circumstances.



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Civilian toll of Gulf War

Tehran claims 68 children killed in Iraqi air raid on city

Tehran (Reuter) – Tehran Radio yesterday claimed 68 schoolgirls were killed and 150 injured in an air raid on Mianeh, in west Iran, one of six cities reported under attack from Iraqi warplanes yesterday.

Iran has reported at least 2,000 civilians killed and thousands more injured in Iraqi air raids since January 9.

Iraq yesterday reported fierce fighting on the southern warfront, where Iran launched an offensive early last month.

An Iraqi military spokesman said Iraqi jets attacked targets in the central city of Esfahan and a power station at Rezaiyeh, in north-west Iran.

He said an Iranian F 5 Phantom jet was shot down over the northern Iraqi city of Arbil yesterday as it tried to approach a residential area.

The Iraqi President, Mr Saddam Hussein, said on Sunday night his troops had "broken the back" of the offensive near Basra.

The Iraqi Defence Minister, General Adnan Kheirallah, said recent battles around the city had left at least 80,000 Iranians dead and as many as 200,000 wounded.

"We have slaughtered the invaders in hours, not days, and if the Tehran leaders are true to themselves, let them have the courage to tell their people the truth," he said.

Iraq started to raid Iranian towns and cities after Iran launched its latest ground thrust, saying it was retaliating for air, missile and artillery attacks on its cities.

Iraq has reported hundreds of civilian casualties in the attacks, while Iran puts its civilian losses at more than 2,000 killed and 7,000 wounded.

● **BAGHDAD:** Iraqi warplanes yesterday raided a power station and oil storage tanks at Rezaiyeh in north-west Iran, the Iraqi News Agency (Ina) said, adding that Iran had bombed residential areas in north-east Iraq (AFP reports).

Ina said Iraqi jets raided Shiraz in south-west Iran and Isfahan in the central region on Sunday evening.

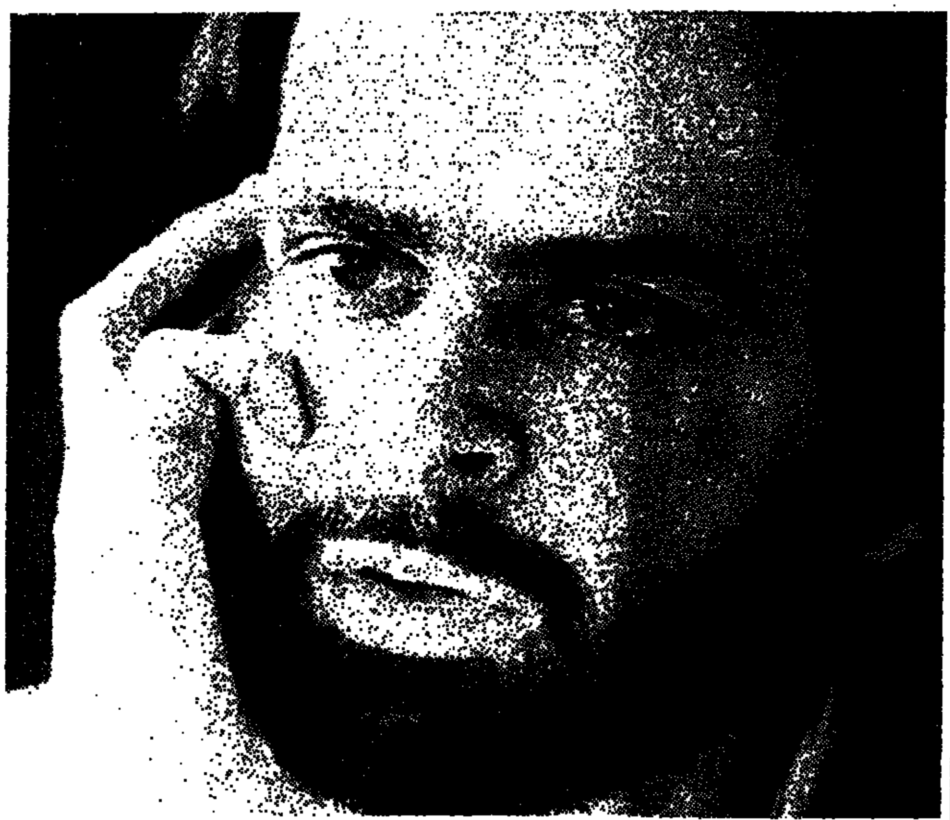
Baghdad said Iraqi aircraftraided seven Iranian towns on Sunday, two of them twice, in retaliation for Iran's ground-to-ground missile attack against Baghdad on Saturday, the seventh this year.

Baghdad said on Saturday that it had launched 129 raids against selected targets in 28 Iranian cities since Iran began its Kerbala 5 offensive.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (Irna) quoted an unnamed military official who said Iraq was congratulating itself on imaginary victories against Iran.

The Iraqi Defence Minister, General Adnane Khairallah, on Sunday claimed 80,000 Iranian soldiers had been killed and 70,000 wounded since Iran launched its offensive on January 8.

The official said the Iraqi chief-of-staff must be having hallucinations, which he said were intended to boost the morale of an army which had suffered a heavy defeat during operations in Iran's Kerbala 5 offensive against the southern Iraqi flank.



Mr Seib, the American journalist held in Tehran amid mystery over charges of spying.

US demands that Iran free journalist 'on spy charge'

By Our Foreign Staff

The United States State Department has demanded the release of Gerald Seib, the correspondent of *The Wall Street Journal* arrested in Iran apparently on charges of spying for Israel.

A spokesman said that he "should be released immediately and allowed to depart forthwith."

Mr Seib, aged 30, who was arrested on Saturday, was among 50 foreign correspondents invited by the Iranian Government *to visit the scene* of last month's offensive on the southern front of the Gulf war.

One Iranian source said yesterday that he had asked awkward questions about pro-American members of the Tehran Government.

Fellow journalists on the trip said that he had also asked the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Hojatolеslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, during a press conference last week why he thought other countries in the region were not really Muslim countries.

The Hojatoleslam had denied that he held that opinion, though he said that some of Iran's neighbours did not fully respect Islamic principles.

Mr Seib took part in the press conference after visiting *the scene of the Kerbala* 5 offensive around Basra at government invitation. The journalists were given visas in record time.

His editor, Mr Norman Pearlstine, has denied Iranian claims that he was travelling on a false passport. Mr Seib, his correspondent based in Cairo since January 1985, had gone to Iran via Frankfurt on a valid US passport.

He described him as a highly respected member of the press whose detention could not be justified.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (Irna) said that the arrested journalist had been charged with spying for Israel, but did not mention Mr Seib by name.

The White House said yesterday *that Iran had made a* mistake in arresting him, and expressed hope that he would be released.

The State Department has asked the Swiss Government, which handles US interests in Iran, to look into the detention.

Official fired for knowing too much

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Admiral John Poindexter, the former US National Security Adviser, engineered the dismissal of a senior Pentagon official last year after he came close to uncovering the Administration's secret arms dealings with Iran, a Senate report suggested yesterday.

The report, prepared for Republican members of the Senate Labour and Human Resources Committee, says Mr Michael Pillsbury, the former NSC assistant undersecretary, was dismissed on beecause of an apparent misuse of a *lie* detector. *His* dismissal followed an allegation that he had leaked secret information to the press on the provision of US arms to Afghan rebels.

Mr Pillsbury is now a foreign policy adviser to four senators, including Senator Orrin Hatch, the senior Republican on the committee.

The report says it can not be proved that Admiral Poindexter and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, his former assistant on the NSC, deliberately had Mr Pillsbury dismissed because both men have refused to testify.

But it adds: "It would appear natural that Poindexter and North would fear the security consequences that might ensue had Pillsbury stumbled on to the arrangement of the Iranian arms sale/Contra diversion, which he was apparently very close to uncovering".

Admiral Poindexter is said to have "hand-picked" the person who administered the lie-detector test to Mr Pillsbury, which he failed. The report calls the testing procedure dubious. Mr Pillsbury was never allowed to check the accuracy of the statements he allegedly made after the examiner claimed he had confessed.

Mr Pillsbury, who had detailed knowledge of secret paramilitary operations throughout the world, has subsequently passed two lie detector tests. He had no comment yesterday on the report.

The Senate's special committee investigating the Iran affair has yet to decide whether to subpoena the notes which President Reagan made on the Iran arms deal.

Admiral Poindexter: Accusation of improper practice.

WORLD SUMMARY

US-French split delays Nato plan

Brussels – Disagreement between France and the US is holding up a Nato proposal for talks with the Warsaw Pact about reducing conventional forces in Europe (Frederick Bonnart writes). Last year Nato foreign ministers said that they were ready to open such negotiations for a new mandate for talks "covering Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals".

Differences between Nato countries over the form of the talks were said to be resolved, with the US favouring direct negotiations between Nato and the Warsaw Pact. France wanted all countries to speak individually within a 35-nation conference, and a compromise of pact-to-pact talks under a 35-nation umbrella has now run into difficulties.

"The problem is that the Warsaw Pact can speak with one voice – that of the Soviet Union" one diplomat said, "while the Alliance speaks with many."

Etchings see the light

Madrid (Reuter) – Five Picasso etchings stolen from a Madrid museum were yesterday returned by a priest, who got them from a youth whose confession he was hearing.

Father Luis Martín Vigil, a writer on young people's problems, said he could not reveal the youth's name because he could not divulge the secrets of the confessional. "He did not look like a criminal ... When he trusted the secrecy of confession and gave me the paintings he looked happy, like a man who lifts a weight off his conscience."

The etchings, bought in 1982 for $7,500 (about £5,000), were stolen in December from the Museum of Contemporary Art. The museum director, Señor Aurelio Torrente, said they were undamaged.

Teachers on strike

Athens – English language teachers at the British Council in Athens and Salonika staged demonstrations yesterday to support two colleagues dismissed in December in a long-running pay dispute (A Correspondent writes).

The two instructors in Salonika, Ms Julia Tanner and Mr Luke Prodromou, were dismissed after a series of work stoppages last year to press demands for *better salaries and partial* payment in sterling.

Dissident comforts

Jakarta – Indonesia's most prominent jailed dissident, retired General H R Dharsono, has been moved from his cell and is living in a small whitewashed bungalow in the compound of Jakarta's Cipinang Jail, friends who visited him last weekend said (Our Correspondent writes).

They said Mr Dharsono, aged 60, can watch television, listen to radio, read newspapers and make tele*phone calls on the jail's pay* phone.

Chess win for Briton

Nigel Short, the British chess prodigy, has won first prize in the Strong International Tournament at Wijk aan Zee in Holland. Mr Short, aged 21, from Bolton, scored 9½ points from 13 games, equal with the Soviet defender Victor Korchnoi (now Switzerland) (Our Chess Correspondent writes).

However, Mr Short defeated Mr Korchnoi in their decisive individual game and emerged from the whole tournament without losing a single game. Both of these grandmasters out-distanced an extremely strong field.

Blast kills seaman

Rouen (Reuter) – One man died and 10 were severely burnt in an explosion yesterday in the engine room of a British tanker off the Normandy coast, French maritime officials said.

The injured members of the 21-strong crew were taken to hospital by helicopter from the Ot Garth, a 31,000-tonne tanker owned by the Cardiff-based Craig shipping company. The cause of the blast was not immediately known.

Albanian poll style

Belgrade – Albania has held its first election to the National Assembly since the death of its Stalinist leader, Enver Hoxha. But as far as electoral procedure is concerned the poll shows that nothing has changed in the country (Dessa Trevisan writes).

There are no preliminary results available, but Albanian agency reports say that polling stations closed early. The turn-out in most places was reported to be 100 per cent.

New idea to save Pisa

Rome (Reuter) – A new project to prevent Pisa's leaning tower from falling over has been tentatively approved by the Ministry of Public Works. Drawn up by Italian engineers, it involves building a huge concrete ring around the foundations to stop further inclination. The work would take several years and involve building a steel structure half way up the tower to steady it while digging the foundations.

Worst fighting of year

Two die in Beirut camps flare-up

Beirut (Reuter) – Heavy tank and rocket fire shook Beirut yesterday as Shia Muslim Amal militiamen and Palestinian guerrillas battled around two refugee camps in the worst "camps war" fighting this year, residents said.

Rockets hit residential areas well away from the centre of the fighting around Bourj al-Barajneh and Shatila camps in southern Beirut.

Militia sources said that at least two people were killed and nine were wounded in at least three hours of fighting yesterday, and feared that the toll would rise.

The Amal-Palestinian struggle for control of five Palestinian camps in Beirut and southern Lebanon has caused at least 750 deaths since September. Repeated international mediation attempts have all failed.

Explosions could be heard yesterday several miles from the camps. Residents rushed for shelter and ambulances raced through the streets.

"The streets are deserted and shells are falling everywhere at a rate of five a minute," said one resident of the southern suburbs by telephone.

One rocket badly damaged the home of the Vice-President of the Supreme Shia Council, Sheikh Muhammad Mehdi Shamseddine, aged 55. He and his wife were taken to hospital with shrapnel injuries.

As the battles raged in Beirut, security sources in the southern port of Sidon said that tension rose between Amal militiamen and fighters of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) in the disputed village of Maghdousheh.

The alert came after Hezbollah men blocked an attempt by Amal to move forward and replace a Sunni Muslim buffer force separating Amal and Palestinian fighters.

The Sunnis deployed there to replace some 500 guerrillas loyal to Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who withdrew unilaterally from the positions on Thursday.

The Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, said later that Lebanese police and army units backed by Syrian soldiers would make a new attempt to curb the militia anarchy today.

The measures are a revival of a Syrian-mediated west Beirut security plan implemented seven months ago with the backing of several hundred Syrian troops. It was in force for less than a month before militiamen took to the streets and their bases multiplied again.

Mr Karami said joint patrols would set up checkpoints and ensure the closure of scores of militia offices.

"We decided to revive the security plan and give the legal security forces control of west Beirut," Mr Karami said after a meeting of the Co-ordination Committee, which groups militia leaders and Syrian and Lebanese military officials.

Beirut airport remained closed for the second day but employees of Lebanon's national airline, Middle East Airlines (MEA), called for its reopening. "It is our only true window on the world," the employees' trade union said.

MEA has said flights are stopped indefinitely because insurance cover for passengers is unavailable.

The Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia want to open an airport at Halat in a Christian enclave northeast of Beirut.

US rights attack on Cuba

Geneva (Reuter) – The United States said it would make Cuba its main target at the annual six-week session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission which opened yesterday.

Mr Leonid Evmenov, of the Soviet Republic of Byelorussia, was elected chairman and asked delegates to turn away from the "narrow, slippery and dangerous road of propaganda and political confrontation" in their debates.

He called for "concrete and businesslike co-operation" in finding solutions to the complex issue of human rights in various parts of the world.

The US gave notice it would call on the 43-nation commission to single out the Communist Government of President Castro for special consideration.

Mr E Robert Wallach, the US ambassador, said: "From the beginning, that regime has put thousands of people in jail and subjected them to all the abuses known to be used by totalitarian regimes."

The US delegation will also draw attention to alleged human rights violations in the Soviet Union, Cambodia and Vietnam.

Delegates from several West European countries said that they regretted Washington's decision to launch an attack on Cuba and thought the move could cause friction with its allies.

Mr Wallach said his delegation would present evidence of human rights violations by Cuba.

Mr Donald Lowitz, for two years the US ambassador to the 40-nation UN Conference *on Disarmament, died on Sun*day of a heart attack, the American mission announced yesterday (AP reports from Geneva). He was 57.

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Contrasting faces of Gorbachov's Russia

Sakharov invited to attend Moscow nuclear forum

**From Christopher Walker
Moscow**

The official rehabilitation of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet physicist and Nobel Peace Prize winner, has accelerated dramatically with the announcement that he has been officially invited to take part in an international conference being organized here later this month by the Soviet authorities.

The conference, grandiosely entitled "For a nuclear-free world, for mankind's survival," will be attended by over 700 delegates from 80 countries, including Britain, and will conclude with a meeting in the Kremlin with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, who will use the occasion to outline Soviet policy on arms control.

Yesterday, the mastermind behind the unique international forum, Dr Yevgeni Velikhov, vice-pressident of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and a leading opponent of the US "Star Wars" programme, told a press conference called by the Foreign Ministry to unveil the project, that Dr Sakharov had been invited and would give his answer later this week. "I believe that he will attend," Dr Velikhov said.

The decision to invite a man who less than two months ago was still banished indefinitely in Gorky, was seen as a reflection of the Kremlin's satisfaction at the Western reaction to Dr Sakharov's release. Like the recall, the invitation is understood to have been sanctioned personally by Mr Gorbachov.

Dr Sakharov, aged 65, has already returned to work in his old office in the Institute of Physics at the Academy of Sciences; has had the telephone re-connected in the flat from which he was exiled in 1980; and has been left free to grant outspoken interviews with a steady stream of Western newsmen.

His invitation to the Moscow symposium, which will take place from Febuary 14 to 16, was described in diplomatic circles here as confirmation that Mr Gorbachov and other members of the Soviet hierarchy are hoping to secure his open support for some of the main policies on arms control.

Those invited to take part in the symposium from the West include a number of leading businessmen, scientists, doctors and churchmen, as well as prominent figures from the arts world. All those who accept will have their flights to and from Moscow and their hotel accommodation paid for by the Soviet Government.

A number of senior Western diplomats here are highly sceptical about the intentions behind the conference, which they see as a further development of Mr Gorbachov's diplomatic "charm offensive", designed to convince world public opinion that he, rather than President Reagan, is more dedicated to the cause of nuclear disarmament.

"We see it very much in line with previous, less elaborate, attempts to seize the centre of the world stage and to try and secure international backing for the Soviet stand in the various arms negotiations which are now taking place, and those which may take place in the future," one diplomat told *The Times*.

Mr Yuri Tarnopolsky, a refusenik, has arrived in Vienna, ending an 11-year battle to leave the Soviet Union, the Jewish Agency for Israel said in Vienna yesterday. It said Mr Tarnopolsky, a 50-year-old chemist, flew in from Moscow on Sunday with his wife, Olga, and daughter, Irina, aged 15 (AP reports).

"We expect, among other things, that the symposium will provide a focal point for criticism of the Strategic Defence Initiative and strong backing for Moscow's call for an immediate ban on all nuclear testing," he added.

Yesterday, Dr Velikhov and other members of the Soviet organizing committee, including Mr Vladimir Karpov, the head of the influential Soviet Writers' Union, accused certain Western governments, notably the Reagan Administration, of trying to persaude eminent citizens in their respective countries who had received invitations to Moscow not to take them up.

Dr Velikhov singled out the US State Department and the Department of Energy for particular criticism, and said that, because of Western pressure, the final list of delegates might be lop-sided towards those sympathetic towards the Soviet point of view.

Mr Karpov refused to give the names of prominent figures in the Western arts world who had already accepted, claiming that pressure might be put on them to stand down if advance publicity was given to their plans.

Among those who had accepted, he told *The Times*, were a group of 20 scientists from Britain.

He added that more British scientists, "including Nobel prize-winners," might add their names to the list before the symposium gets under way.

Father's campaign for son in Siberian camp

**From Ian Murray
Jerusalem**

Dr Vladimir Magarik has a new picture of his son, Alexei, in the family album he proudly carries with him. It is a self-portrait, a simple line drawing of a close-cropped young man with big lips, nose and ears, dated December 12 of last year.

Along with the drawing is the copy of a letter sent from P.O. Box 16/8 UH 16/B, Omsk, in the Soviet Union, which is the address of the Siberian prison camp where Alexei has been since last October. It is an anonymous letter which had to be smuggled out to Alexei's wife, Natasha, in Moscow and on to his father in Israel.

It is a stark and desperate letter, which matches the stark and desperate face in the drawing. "The administration does not consider us human beings. Beatings with a stick are common," it says. "They beat the inmates with both clubs and their feet."

It is apparently a prison where guards are trained for Siberian labour camps. The letter tells how the trainees "help the inmates out of their cells with clubs and watchdogs... No selection is made and the sick get the same number of beatings...

❛ Beatings with a stick are common ❜

"If it is possible, help us... We are young but in one or two years they make us invalids."

Alexei is 28 and the youngest of the 15 designated as "prisoners of Zion" currently held in Soviet camps. He was sentenced to three years' hard labour last June after being found guilty of possessing marijuana. His father is sure the drug was planted on him because he had been one of Moscow's most successful Hebrew teachers, and had been trying to emigrate to Israel since 1983.

The Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre in Jerusalem has found increasingly that "refuseniks" (Jews unable to obtain exit visas) are being imprisoned for criminal rather than political offences. "Suddenly it's a fashion for Russian Jews to become hooligans," Mr Yuri Stern, the Centre's spokesman, told *The Times*. Common criminals get harsher treatment and it is more difficult for them to win freedom.

Dr Magarik has virtually abandoned his work as a mathematician to campaign for his son's release. He lobbied the Reykjavik summit and last week was in Vienna asking embarrassing questions about his son's treatment at a Soviet press conference called to talk about human rights.

❛ Russian Jews become hooligans ❜

"If I don't campaign for him he will be maimed," Dr Magarik said. "And he is so gifted." The picture album shows his son playing the cello and guitar, skiing and playing with his own baby son. He is also a published poet with a powerful use of words."

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, left, greeting Herr Oskar Fischer, his East German counterpart, on arrival in East Berlin yesterday for an official visit during which he was due to meet the East German Communist Party leader, Herr Erich Honecker.

Opposition fires first shots in South Africa campaign

From Michael Hornsby, Cape Town

The first shots in the South African election campaign were fired yesterday in the House of Assembly, the white chamber, by Mr Colin Eglin, the leader of the Opposition, who called on the Government to resign and to make way for one committed to real reform.

Mr Eglin was introducing the motion of no-confidence which traditionally opens the annual parliamentary session. The session is not expected to last beyond the end of February, after which MPs will return to their constituencies to prepare for the May 6 general election.

The date of the election, which is restricted to the white chamber of Parliament, was announced by President Botha on Friday. It is expected to be one of the bitterest contests since the ruling National Party (NP) came to power in 1948.

Mr Eglin claimed that there was growing support for the policies of his Progressive Federal Party (PFP), even among traditional NP voters, which could be turned into "a mighty tide that will sweep this jaded and incompetent government from office".

The Government no longer had the courage either to enforce apartheid or to abolish it, he said. "You have served your purpose. Now move out of the way and let South Africa move ahead", he declared.

"Regrettably, at this time when the future of South Africa is balanced on a knife edge, we are saddled with an incompetent, wasteful, bullying government whose policies have failed and whose ability to lead this country back to stability and harmony are utterly discredited...

"The state of emergency, with its police powers, its abrogation of the rule of law, its assault on civil liberties, its muzzling of the press, its denial of information to the public, its restrictions, its bannings, its gaol-without-trial, is proof that the National Party, after 39 years in office, is incapable of governing this country by democratic means.

Mr Eglin's trenchant attack reflected the belief in the PFP, which holds only 27 of the 178 seats in the House of Assembly (compared to the NP's 126), that it has a fair chance of boosting its representation to some 40 seats in alliance with the small New Republic Party (NRP).

● **Mob murder:** A mob stoned a black constable to death and set his body alight early yesterday morning in the black township of Guguletu, a few miles from the centre of Cape Town.

UN body accused of failing refugees

**By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent**

A confidential report claiming that Ethiopian refugees in Djibouti have lost all confidence in the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) is to be considered today by the British Refugee Council.

The report, prepared by Western aid workers, suggests that UNHCR has turned a blind eye to attempts by the Djibouti Government to coerce refugees to return to Ethiopia.

A letter from refugees to commission workers in Djibouti, threatening mass suicide if they are forced to return, is attached to the report. It is not yet known whether suicides have begun, but the report confirms the death of at least six people by suffocation while being repatriated on trains.

The sponsors, who have asked not to be named, hope the report will lead to a shake-up of what they see as complacent attitudes by UNHCR staff in Djibouti.

Mr Jim Lester, MP for Broxtowe and chairman of the British Refugee Council's Africa committee, will chair today's meeting.

The UNHCR has maintained that the repatriation scheme is voluntary. On this assurance the British Government has continued to give aid to commission projects in Ethiopia's eastern regions,

Two parliamentary committees have said that greater efforts should be made to establish whether the refugees are being returned against their will.

The report says: "It appears that it is the deliberate policy of both UNHCR and the Government of Djibouti to keep refugees ignorant of their current status and entitlement to protection in Djibouti ... There has been a total breakdown of confidence in the UNHCR on the part of the refugees, who perceive it to be a lackey of the Government of Djibouti."

● ADDIS ABABA: The most senior relief official in Ethiopia yesterday said his country was seeking 409,000 tons of food relief for 2.5 million people this year. Some Western experts, however, said the estimate was too low and as many as five million people risked starvation (AP reports).

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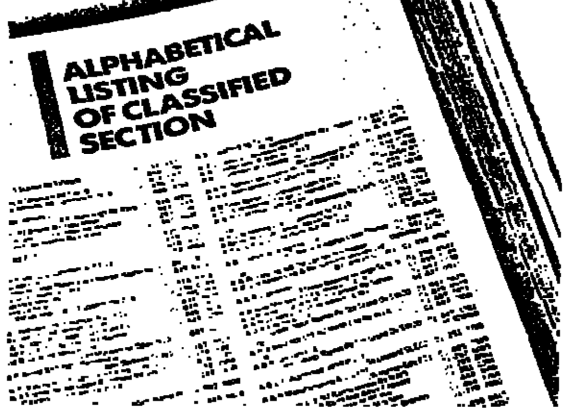

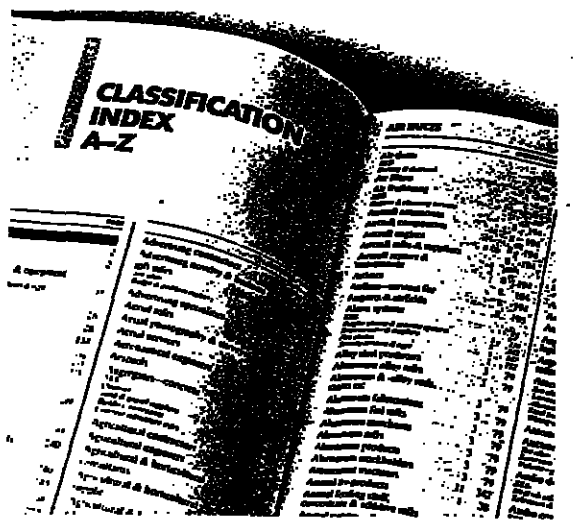

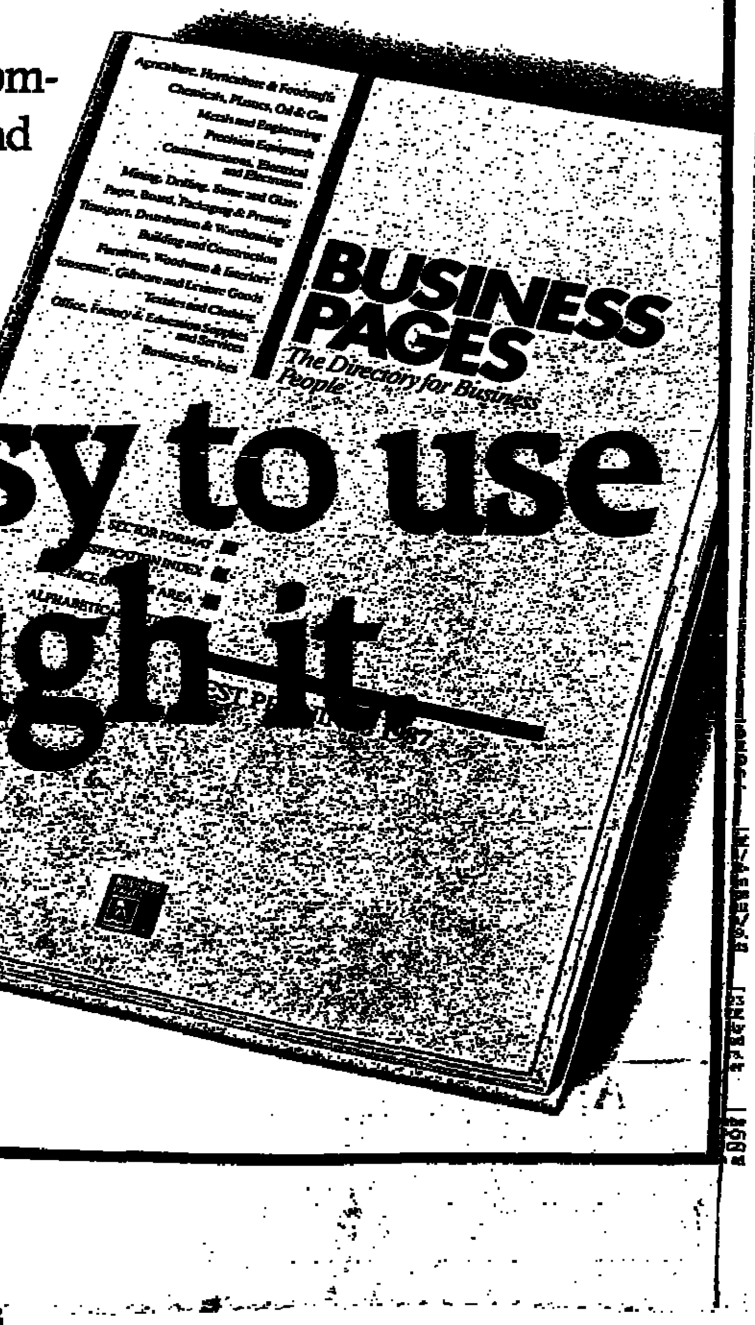

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Shot ambassador defies drugs mafia with call for unrelenting pursuit

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

A public gesture of defiance was delivered in Vienna yesterday when the former Colombian Minister of Justice opened the United Nations biannual conference on drugs.

Señor Enrique Parejo González, now Bogotá's ambassador to Hungary, was shot in Budapest last month by the drugs traffickers he had pursued relentlessly. Responsibility for the attack was claimed by the "Commando Hernan Botero Moreno" drugs gang which Señor Parejo had attempted to stamp out in Colombia.

Yesterday, however, Señor Parejo was flown from his West German hospital to Vienna to open the conference which he had been expected to chair before the assassination attempt.

Señor Parejo: Defiance after flight from hospital

"I am a symbol of the unrelenting and inflexible position the international community must adopt in pursuit of the drugs mafia," he told conference delegates, who greeted him with a standing ovation yesterday.

Señor Parejo recalled that he was only one, "and a very fortunate one", of hundreds of victims of the drugs gangs' violence. Politicians, judges, policemen and journalists had been assassinated by the agents of the international drugs mafia. Until the gangs were broken no part of the world and no government was free from their activities, he said.

His presence in Vienna has meant strict security arrangements for the conference.

It is expected to deal with ways of improving international co-operation in the battle against illegal drugs, and will also prepare the United Nations meeting in Vienna in June which will discuss ways to crack down on the international black market in drugs.

Defoliant plan for Pakistan poppies

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

A member of the Pakistan Parliament alleged yesterday that the Government plans to use a defoliant chemical, reportedly used by the Americans in Vietnam, to exterminate poppy cultivation in Pakistan's North-west Frontier Province.

Haji Abdul Rahim Mirdad Khel, a member of the Upper House, seeking to move an adjournment motion to discuss the plan to destroy illegal poppy cultivation by aerial spraying, said that the spray would poison the environment and contaminate food crops. Consumption, he said, could result in deformed babies.

Haji Mirdad Khel's claim was refuted by Mr Aslam Khattak, the Interior Minister, who admitted knowledge of the plan, but said that medical experts had certified that no harm to human life was expected.

Government efforts during the past few years to curb poppy-growing in the area, which borders Afghanistan and is inhabited by more than 2.5 million Afghan refugees, are said to have met stiff resistance from the people, who find poppy cultivation, refining and marketing a most rewarding occupation.

The US Administration, which is particularly interested in preventing poppy cultivation in Pakistan, has over the years given cash assistance worth several million dollars to poppy-growers to encourage them to switch to other crops or to give up

Although the inducement at first brought the desired result, latest reports indicate that the acreage under poppy cultivation has recently increased several times.

Those engaged in the business say that the cash compensation meant for those who gave up poppy cultivation was largely misappropriated by officials

Meanwhile, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy yesterday called on the Government to respond positively to what it described as recent positive steps taken by Moscow and Kabul to resolve the Afghanistan problem.

Mr Abdul Wali Khan, leader of the Awami National Party, who with Miss Benazir Bhutto of the Pakistan People's Party is among the main opposition leaders in the movement, said that the US was pressing Pakistan to delay settlement of the Afghanistan problem.

Indians flee from frontier build-up

From Our Correspondent
Delhi

Thousands of Indian families were reported yesterday to be fleeing from villages along the border with Pakistan in fear of a confrontation between the Indian and Pakistani armies.

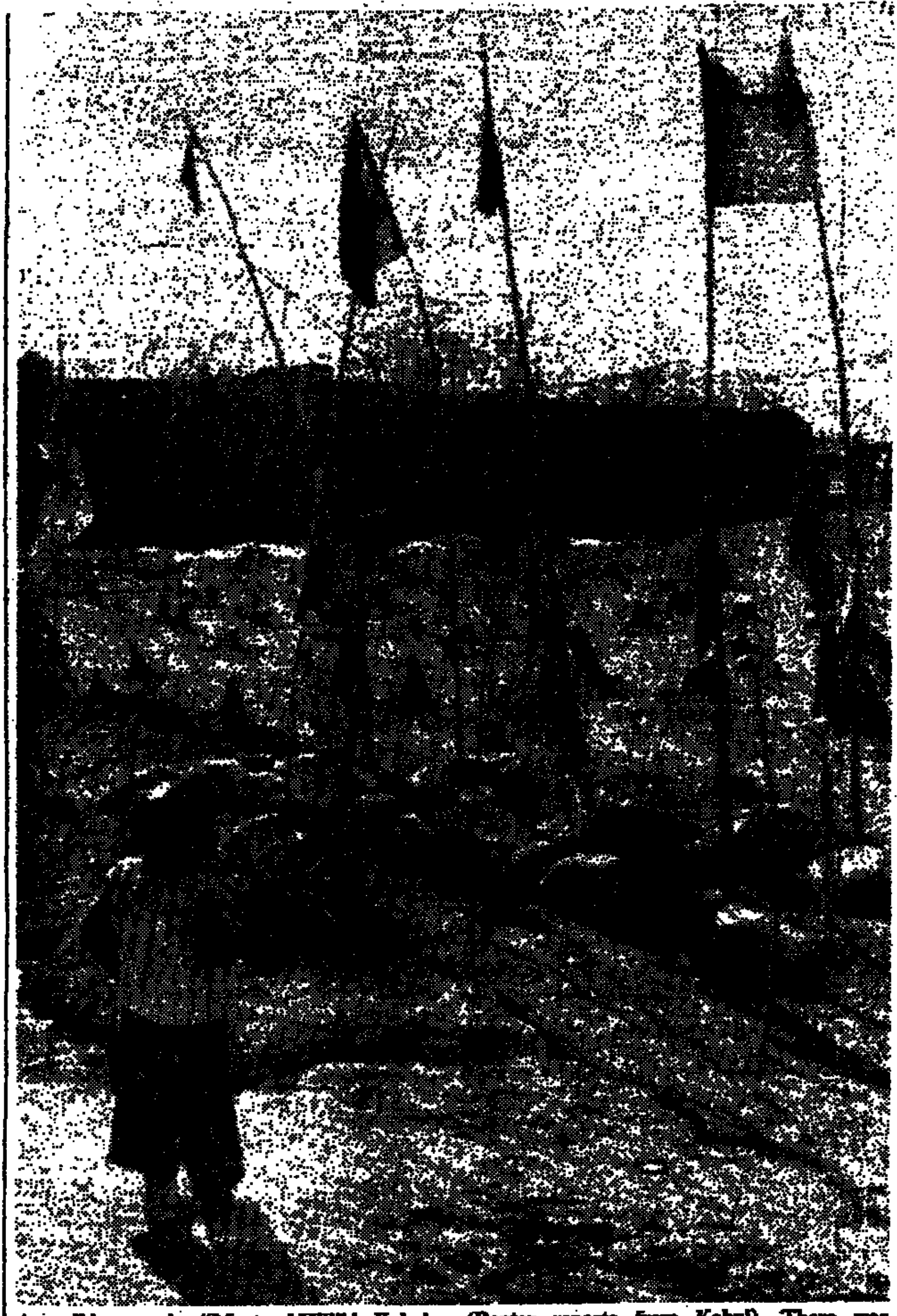
Mr Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir state, called the situation quite serious, and estimated that as many as 30,000 people had left the south-western Pargwal district alone. He said the state Government was spending 100 million rupees (£5.4 million) to set up relief camps for the refugees.

Journalists in the area said that some of the villages were being evacuated by the Indian Army. What began as a trickle turned into a flood, one reporter said, after Pakistani troops fired shells across the border at the weekend.

In Delhi, Indian and Pakistani delegations failed in a third day of talks yesterday to agree on a plan to reverse the military build-up.

Mr Gopalaswami Parthasarthy, spokesman for the Indian Foreign Ministry, told a press conference that the delegations had agreed to resume talks today. He declined to give details of the discussions or to say what was holding up an agreement. Indian newspapers have reported that the impasse was over a withdrawal timetable.

Tension began to increase on January 23, when India said it was reinforcing troops in Punjab state to counter an "unusual" build-up of Pakistani troops. Pakistan said it was holding routine exercises, but later strengthened its border units in response to the Indian move.



A small boy passing "Martyrs' Hill" in Kabul, where Afghan victims of the eight-year civil war between the Government and its Soviet supporters and guerrillas are buried.

Security forces set up road-blocks in the city yesterday to hunt down the attackers who set off a car bomb close to the Indian Embassy at the weekend, killing at least four people (Reuter reports from Kabul). There was speculation that the embassy may not have been the true target; it is close to the Interior Ministry building.

Dr Najib, the Afghan leader, said yesterday that the bombing had clearly been intended to disrupt the government's reconciliation policy to try to end the civil war.

Police contain Melilla protest

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Spanish police supported by paramilitary Civil Guards flown in from Seville quickly put down demonstrations yesterday in Melilla, Spain's increasingly troubled enclave in north Africa, which is claimed by Morocco, as unrest continued for the third day.

Sending in more police was Madrid's response to a weekend of violence and fierce street fighting between young Muslims and the police which left more than 70 injured and 40 detained, including several leaders of Melilla's Muslim community.

The demonstrators were prevented yesterday from stopping 30 of the detainees appearing before a magistrate to answer charges involving the weekend riots.

Government sources yesterday justified the police reinforcements by saying that this would happen to "any Spanish city" with a public order problem.

Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, Spain's Foreign Minister, denied that the Socialist Government was refusing to face up to the significance of the crisis in the enclave, which last flared in November. He repeated Madrid's argument that Melilla has been Spanish since the late 15th century, before Moroccp existed.

The latest Muslim unrest comes only a week after Madrid refused to consider a suggestion by King Hassan of Morocco to set up a joint commission to consider the future of Melilla and Ceuta, the other Spanish enclave, which is opposite Gibraltar.

The suggestion was put to Señor José Barrionuevo, the Spanish Interior Minister, who had promised that the problem would not be discussed during his visit to Rabat.

Underlying the repeated disturbances is the Interior Ministry's aliens law of 1985, which initially ignored the peculiar problem of the two enclaves' Muslim populations, often long-time residents, but without official papers.

Many Muslims fear that the law is being used to undermine their status. They point to slowness in processing their applications for Spanish citizenship, even after Madrid amended the law. Only 829 of more than 7,200 applications from Melilla's Muslims last year were approved.

Señor Manuel Céspedes, the Madrid Government's chief representative, is a former police officer who was in charge of the Prime Minister's security until selected for the job last autumn, apparently largely because he was born in the enclave.

But the local Muslim community has always viewed him with suspicion.

Señor Fernández Ordóñez: Defended Spanish position.

NSW voters take independent line

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Neither Australia's Federal Labor Government nor the Liberal Party can glean much joy from the New South Wales state by-election results at the weekend.

Voters showed that they were dissatisfied with both the Government and the opposition, giving independent candidates votes from both sides. Labor retained the seats of Heathcote and Bankstown, but polled about 20 per cent *fewer primary votes. The opp*osition also dropped primary votes.

In Bankstown, which covers part of the federal electorate of Blaxland held by Mr Paul Keating, the federal Treasurer, Labor dropped 20 per cent of the primary vote, while in Heathcote it dropped 18 per cent. The opposition lost about 12 per cent and 2 per cent respectively.

The poll waters were muddied by large numbers of independent and smaller party candidates. In Heathcote there were 16 candidates and in Bankstown 13.

Although Labor greeted the result with some relief at the federal level, it was a hollow victory for the state branch of the party as both seats were considered among the safest in the state. A loss of between 18 and 20 per cent in primary votes does not auger well for Mr Barrie Unsworth, the new NSW Premier.

In Bankstown the campaign took on a federal complexion, with the opposition urging voters to give "Keating a beating". The Treasurer has been the target of much criticism over his introduction of a fringe-benefits tax. On Sunday, however, he was delighted with the result. "I could not be more happy with the by-elections," he said.

Yesterday the federal heads of both major parties presented widely differing interpretations of the results. Mr Tony Eggleton, for the Liberals, said that the results were a blow to Labor, while Mr Bob McMullan, for Labor, said they showed that electors were interested in policies and not in attacks on personalities, such as that on Mr Keating.

Mr McMullan said that only one federal implication from the by-elections concerned him. "Neither of the major parties can ignore the consistent pattern of people being prepared to vote for minor parties in by-elections.

Mr Eggleton said he was heartened by the fact that close to 20 per cent of the electorate had expressed dissatisfaction with the Labour Party: "And remember, we are talking about seats in the Labor heartland."

Women graduates claim places

Fight to preserve male haven

From Charles Bremner, New York

Far removed from the roar of Fifth Avenue outside their lofty windows, the men of New York's best-known upper-*crust club are quietly plotting* a last-ditch stand.

At stake for the venerable University Club is its right to keep women out of its 121-year-old sanctum.

But the affair has exposed to the vulgar gaze a bitter dispute among the normally discreet membership, made up mainly of Ivy League alumni. The president, Mr John Grant, who favoured lady entrants, resigned and a few dozen other members followed.

A hard core of diehards, under siege from the Human Rights Commission in New York, has just managed to shake off an attempt by a section of its 4,000 members to allow admission of "qualified" females.

Mr Bruce Sargent, the new president and a 1960s Columbia Law School graduate, is now said by inside sources to be working on a plan to circumvent city legislation by having the club redefined as "distinctly private".

One youngish supporter of the anti-women resistance said: "The men feel that they want to have a place to go to escape from their wives and girlfriends. They don't want them hanging around here. If the fellows want to get together for some cards it's not the same if a woman's trying to play."

Some members approaching middle age, children of the *1960s, are appalled at the strength of anti-women feeling* among young Reaganite conservatives in the establishment. But an important motive seems to be a fear of females cluttering up the club's first-rate sports facilities, which include squash courts and a pool where members swim in the nude.

❝The men . . . want to escape from their wives and girlfriends❞

"It's just old fashioned prejudice," Dr Marcella Maxwell, head of the Human Rights Commission, said. "These men feel that they want to have a place of their own, and women should have their own place in the world."

A typical complaint came from Miss Drucilla Ramsay, a Harvard and Yale graduate who now directs the San Francisco Bar Association. She said that a guard barred her from entering the New York club's restricted space while she was meeting a client there. "There's no question that private clubs act to the detriment of my career," she said.

Women are allowed to enter the ladies' sitting room, where one day last week a few wives and friends of members could be found in quiet conversation while a pianist provided genteel background music and a fire crackled in the main hall outside.

Judge Harold Tyler, a pro-woman activist who resigned from the committee, said that trying to conform to rules on strictly private clubs would turn the University into something else: "I don't see how in the world in 1987 when you call yourself the University Club, when so many graduates are women, you think you can morally or practically get away with this."

This week the city plans to issue subpoenas for records of corporations which use the club or reimburse employees who do.

While some women may jump at the idea of rubbing shoulders with the distinguished lawyers, corporate executives and other men of the University, they might find the exercise less than savoury.

A recently-leaked circular to members revealed that the committee has had the unpleasant task of telling some of the men that they smell.

"There have been a couple of cases of members refraining from using the running machine due to a stout aroma emanating from somebody else's exercise clothes," the committee said in a plea for clean clothes in the exercise room.

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Peaceful plebiscite on Philippines constitution

Overwhelming support for Aquino as early results are announced

From David Watts, Manila

As polling stations closed in the Philippines plebicite last *night the* country rejoiced in the most peaceful voting for 15 years.

Although only a tiny fraction of the votes had been counted, it was clear that President Aquino's new constitution was going to be approved overwhelmingly, a strong signal of support for her *Government.* A conclusive indication of the results is not expected until 48 hours after polls close, and full results are not expected until the weekend from the country's 7,100 scattered islands.

Under the former President Marcos any sort of electoral exercise was marked by fraud, violence and vote-buying. His successor, Mrs Aquino, said as the polls closed that voting had been clean, honest, orderly and exceptionally strong.

Filipinos have not experienced anything like it in their recent history. Mr Marcos denounced the exercise as fraud even before the polls opened. It was clear from early morning that the turn-out was going to be heavy, already a good sign for the Government.

In some areas north of Manila 50 per cent of voters had cast their ballots by lunchtime. Predictions for the overall turn-out run as high as 90 per cent.

There were incidents in outlying islands. In Albay province armed men closed the polls early in the morning, frightening away voters and *officials of the Commission* on Elections. There were incidents of harassment, at least one of them by Marcos loyalists trying to persuade voters to stay away from the polls.

In the most serious incident, in South Cotabato, a critical area because of the influence of the communist New Peoples' Army, three insurgents were killed when 300 NPA soldiers raided a military camp. Another NPA squad attacked soldiers escorting ballot boxes being moved *by election officials,* and in Lanao ballot boxes were snatched.

But over all the lack of communist attempts to disrupt the polling encouraged the chief government negotiator with the Communists, Mr Teofista Guigona, to say: "*It's a signal that the majority* of the Communists are for giving the constitution process a chance". In Samal, a small town north of Manila where the insurgency movement was born, Communists were out in the weeks before polling urging the populace to vote "yes".

Nine people were killed yesterday in attacks on polling centres and other targets on the island of Mindanao, military officials said (AFP reports from Davao). An hour after voting opened 100 New People's Army attacked one polling station at Malongon in South Cotabato, and five of them were killed.

A Samal driver, Mr Ramon de Castro, said: "I think it's honest and the votes will be counted fairly. The voters are flocking in voluntarily this time. Last time they were led into the precincts by promises *of money and other* favours by political groups which did not usually come through."

Many young people who had never bothered to vote in Mr Marcos's corrupt elections were voting for the first time. For one Manila housewife of 32 it was the first time she had ever voted.

● **WASHINGTON:** The Reagan Administration watched the results of voting yesterday with deep satisfaction, believing that the outcome would strengthen substantially Mrs Aquino's position and provide the basis for political stability (Christopher Thomas writes).

As the results came in, more *details* emerged of the fortune that former President Marcos took when him in cash and jewellery when he left the country. He had 70 pairs of jewelled cufflinks, including one pair valued at $149,575 (£98,400). Louis Vuitton and Gucci suitcases carried 75 watches worth nearly $90,000.

A brown alligator bag contained diamond, sapphire and emerald jewellery and three tiaras valued at more than $135,000. The most expensive tiara, valued at $58,286, was encrusted with pearls and diamonds. The same bag also contained a "diamond-studded hair comb" valued at $44,410.

Additionally, he carried neat packets of Philippine pesos worth more than $1 million stacked in attaché cases and wooden crates, together with religious sculptures and handguns.

The value of the trove was assessed by US Customs officials after Mr Marcos arrived in Hawaii. The list comes from a Customs manifest obtained by the Philippine commission investigating Mr Marcos, and was obtained by the *Orange County Register* in California from Mr Ramon Alcaraz, a former Philippine Navy commodore who now lives in Orange.

In another development, two US human rights groups which have been highly critical of President Reagan yesterday applauded his role in ending authoritarian governments in the Philippines and in Haiti. They said that US pressure had led to the release of "all political prisoners in Poland and of the best known political prisoners in the Soviet Union".

But the Watch Committee and the International Committee for Human Rights said in a joint report that the Reagan White House last year had continued to provide "steady support for tyrannies of the right", including the *governments in South Korea,* Pakistan, Indonesia and Liberia.

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President Aquino casting her vote in her home province of Tarlac, north of Manila.

China limits scale of criticism to party membership

From Robert Grieves, Peking

China's campaign against "*bourgeois liberalization*" has become more circumspect in the past few days, indicating that moderates in the Chinese Communist Party may have *regained control of the party* propaganda apparatus.

Yesterday, the *People's Daily,* official mouthpiece of the party, and other *national newspapers* carried a front-page commentary saying that the campaign would be "strictly limited" to the 44 million members of the party.

"The current struggle against bourgeois liberalization is strictly limited to within the party, and is being carried out mainly in the area of political ideology," the commentary said.

"It (the campaign) cannot be connected to economic reform policy, rural reform policy, scientific and technical research, exploration of literary and artistic styles and techniques, or people's daily lives."

The party, Government, military, city and official work units would be responsible for carrying out the campaign. It said specifically that intellectuals outside the party and the new "free-speech" policy *which the party adopted* last year would not be affected by the campaign.

The commentary, which will be picked up by other publications throughout the country if past practice holds true, echoed a speech last Thursday in the Great Hall of the People by Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's Prime Minister and acting General-Secretary of the party.

In that speech Mr Zhao emphasized that the campaign would continue. But he also *said that China's economic* reforms, begun in 1978 under the tutelage of Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, would proceed as originally planned.

Moreover, he said: "In carrying out education in opposing bourgeois liberalization, no 'leftist' mistakes will *be repeated, or* will be permitted." The phrase "leftist mistakes" has commonly been used to refer to the Cultural Revolution which took place in China between 1965 and 1976.

For the past month, the Chinese media has been dominated by revolutionary slogans and diatribes against Western liberal thought. Intellectuals and writers had been thought to be particular targets. *The* first reports of a possible softening of that line came from pro-Peking Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong.

Poor service is slowing China's growing tourist industry, *The China Daily* said yesterday (Reuter reports from Peking). *It said* that 1.5 million people visited China last year, 7.8 per cent more than in 1985, but that the rise in that year had been 21 per cent. The 1986 total included about 470,000 Japanese, only 1.4 per cent more than in 1985.

"Poor service in the country's tourist industry accounted for the slackening off *in the number of visitors,*" the newspaper reported.

In the last few days China's newspapers and broadcasting stations have carried very little news about the campaign, which is thought to have been a reaction against widespread student demonstrations that took place in December and early January.

More space in various national newspapers has in fact *been devoted to the build*-up of China's Navy and to economic development plans for the new year.

Farm staff 'shot dead by troops'

Colombo — The chief executive of a prawn farm in eastern Sri Lanka said yesterday that 22 of his employees had been killed by the security forces last week and another 12 are missing (*Vijitha Yapa writes*).

Mr Victor Santiapillai, chief executive of Serendib Sea Food (Exports), said that the security forces had opened fire because a landmine had been exploded near by. The farm is a project organized with British, American and West German collaboration, and Mr Santiapillai said that a claim for compensation would be made under a British-Sri Lankan investment protection treaty.

There are no detailed reports yet from Batticoloa, in eastern Sri Lanka, where the guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, allege that security forces killed up to 200 people last Wednesday.

Karachi unrest

Karachi (Reuter) — Police opened fire on bomb-throwing *demonstrators demanding* the release of Araq Shahid, a jailed Member of Parliament. At least two people were hurt.

Call to arms

Stockholm (Reuter) — The Swedish Army is advertising to promote the benefits of its compulsory month-long military refresher training courses, which many men try to dodge.

War of words

Budapest (AP) — Hungary has authorized the formation of a new writers' association in an apparent attempt to deprive the official Writers' Union of legitimacy because of an ideological dispute with its leadership.

Drivers fume

Berlin (Reuter) — Police in smog-*bound* West Berlin issued hundreds of traffic tickets to motorists who ignored a new ban on private cars without exhaust-cleaning catalytic converters.

Punjab clash

Delhi (Reuter) — Police fired into the air and used tear gas to disperse Hindus and Sikhs throwing stones at each other in Phagwara, a Punjab town where suspected Sikh extremists killed a Hindu priest.

Bus tragedy

Belgrade (Reuter) — Some 25 people were killed and many more injured when a bus loaded with children returning from winter holidays collided with a tractor in eastern Yugoslavia.

Sudan claim

Nairobi (AFP) — The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement accused the Sudanese Government of Mr Sadiq el-Mahdi of being behind moves by five southern Sudanese political parties to form an 11-man interim council to govern the region.

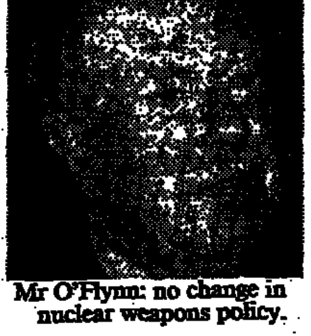
US ends cut-price NZ arms supplies

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealand was told by Washington yesterday that it would not renew a military arrangement allowing New Zealand to buy military equipment at the wholesale rates available to the US military establishment.

The memorandum of understanding on logistical support will lapse when it comes up for renegotiation in June, the American Embassy in Wellington told Mr Frank O'Flynn, the New Zealand Defence Minister.

In a brief statement, the embassy said that Washington had decided to "neither renew nor renegotiate" the understanding. It regretted having to take such action, but said that it was the only alternative in view of New Zealand's policy of denying normal access to US ships and aircraft.



Mr O'Flynn: no change in nuclear weapons policy.

It said that New Zealand would be offered the customers' rights on foreign military sales normally accorded to "friendly non-allied nations."

Mr O'Flynn said that the *decision would not* make much difference to Wellington, and added: "There is no pressure which will force us to accept nuclear weapons in New Zealand".

Defence experts, however, describe the decision as another serious defence blow for New Zealand. One said that it treated New Zealand rather like Bangladesh, rather than as a full ally like Britain or Australia.

***The* move follows Washington's decision in 1985 to cancel defence exercises and exchanges with New Zealand and to curb the flow of intelligence material after Wellington imposed a ban on the entry of all nuclear-armed or nuclear-powered ships.**

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, had no immediate comment on the memorandum decision. After a Cabinet meeting earlier, however, he said that the Government would approve its anti-nuclear legislation formally this year, enshrining the ban on nuclear ships and aircraft.

Wellington's policy has concerned London as well as Washington, and is expected to be raised again by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, when he visits New Zealand in April.

Britain has said that the ban effectively prevents ships of the Royal Navy from visiting New Zealand ports for the first time since Captain Cook charted the country's shores in 1769.

The American understanding allowed New Zealand defence forces to buy equipment, spares and supplies at rates open to the US defence purchasing machine. It also guaranteed priority supply in times of emergency.

The incoming New Zealand Labour Government was warned by its defence officials in 1984 of the danger that its anti-nuclear policies might cause just such a result.

***Ministry of Defence* briefing papers, released under the Official Information Act, expressed concern over the prospect of losing the understanding: "This would lead in turn to a deterioration in the readiness and capability of the New Zealand armed services and/or a substantial increase in the costs of re-equipment and maintenance."**

Thailand buys Chinese tanks at cheap rates

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Thailand will take delivery in the next two months of 30 T 69 army tanks, which China is supplying at low, friendship prices, according to well-informed military sources.

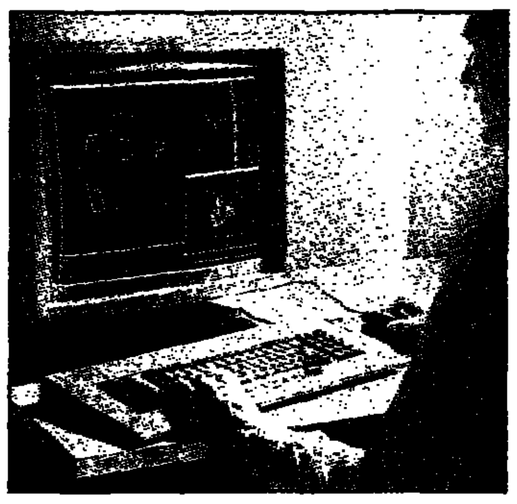
The tanks, a modified version of the Soviet T 59, are the first large-scale military equipment deal between the countries, *save a gift last* year of 14 130 mm artillery pieces from Peking to Bangkok.

The Chinese Army, engaged in a big drive to sell weapons around the world, hopes Thailand will buy more of the tanks to replace ageing American equipment bought at the end of the Vietnam War. Western defence observers say Chinese military leaders have become enthusiastic salesmen, as the People's Army is now able to retain the hard currency earned by foreign sales.

Independent experts describe the Chinese T 69 as a basic-but-adequate medium tank, to which Thailand will probably add sophisticated extras, such as US communications and fire-control systems.

The Thai Army is also looking at European and US armoured vehicles and is said to be most interested in America's Stingray and M 48 tanks. Thai military officials, however, believe Chinese tanks may be more than 50 per cent cheaper than US tanks. Moreover, China is prepared to accept payment in agricultural products.

The Thais may be emphasizing their interest in Chinese equipment in the hope of getting better prices from the Americans, particularly after recent cuts in US military aid *effectively raised the cost of* modernizing their forces.



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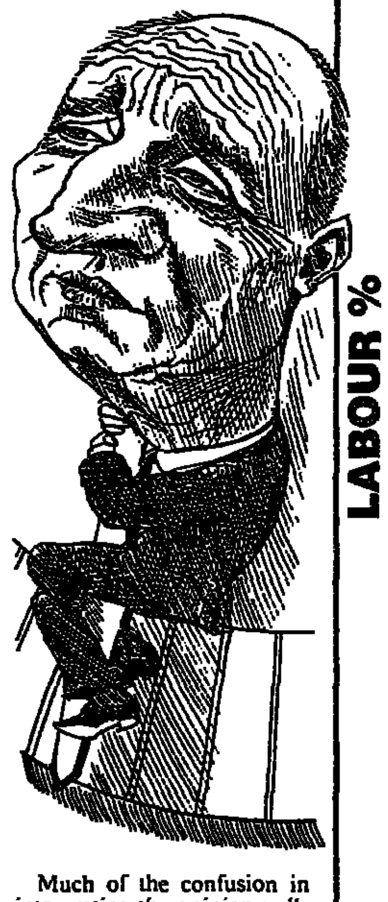
How to take the polls apart

What percentage of the vote do the Tories need to retain their majority? **Robin Oakley** explains what the opinion poll swings really mean in terms of seats in the next Parliament



Until the election we are going to be bombarded with opinion polls telling us the state of the parties in terms of their *share of the national* vote. But what do those figures tell us about the number of seats each party will win? What share of the vote means the return of a Labour government? What percentages give us a third term of Mrs Thatcher? What set of figures results in a hung Parliament?

The table published here, calculated by Market & Opinion Research International (MORI), answers those questions. In doing so it destroys some myths and raises some fascinating questions.

Down the left hand side is Labour's share of the vote. Across the top is the Conservative share. The table assumes that "Others", principally the nationalists, take 2 per cent of the vote, plus the 17 Ulster seats, and that the remainder goes to the SDP/Liberal Alliance. It is based on figures for Great *Britain, excluding Ulster.* With that knowledge, you can take any opinion poll figure and read off what that is likely to mean in terms of seats if repeated at a general election.

Suppose we take the average of the seven January polls conducted by MORI, NOP, Marplan (twice), Gallup and Harris (twice). The arithmetic average works out at Conservatives 40 per cent, Labour 37 per cent and Alliance 20 per cent.

To win an overall majority, a party needs 326 of the 650 seats in the Commons. On these figures the Tories, with 321 seats, would lose their overall majority by a margin of five seats. Labour would have 288 MPs, the Alliance 18 and the others, including the 17 Ulster MPs, would have 23. So for all the current confidence in the Conservative camp, Mrs Thatcher is nothing like home and dry yet. If that were the election result, then more than 70 sitting Tory MPs would lose their seats.

In all this we are assuming, of course, a uniform swing across the country. In practice, the effect of local issues, the quality of individual candidates, the efficiency of some local parties in getting out the postal vote, and other factors, will cause individual seats to buck the trend. But these should balance themselves out across the country.

Much of the confusion in interpreting the opinion polls (which are meant to be measurements of the current political temperature and not predictions of the future) derives from paying too much attention to support for a single party without relating it to the performance of others.

Take the commonly expressed opinion that a party needs to reach only 40 per cent of the vote to be sure of forming a government. If Labour wins 40 per cent of the vote and the Tories get 38 per cent, there is no Labour majority. Nor is there if the Tories retain 37 per cent. At 36 per cent to the Tories, Labour sneaks a two-seat majority. But not until the Tory vote is driven down to 32 per cent does Labour obtain the 20-seat margin which could see it safely through a Parliament.

Labour's average share of the vote in 21 opinion polls since October is 37.6 per cent. The magnitude of Mr Kinnock's task in attempting to *win his way to Downing Street* is therefore clear to see from the MORI table.

To win an election with 38 per cent of the vote Labour would have to force the Conservatives down to 32 per cent and even then they would have just a three-seat majority. *In the monthly polls* since the last election MORI has only measured the Conservatives as low as 32 per cent on three occasions – the last time was five months ago.

The Conservatives, who have averaged 39.8 per cent over those 21 polls, can win *with 40 per cent if* Labour is driven down to 35 per cent. At 39 per cent they have to push Labour down to 34 per cent for a two-seat victory. But they only gain another two seats then by squeezing Labour down to 33 per cent, two more by squeezing them down to 32 per cent, and one more by squeezing them down to 31 per cent, as the Alliance begins to pick up.

For the two major parties *the area outside the jagged* lines (Labour to the left, the Tories to the right) is the Promised Land, where they can hope to form a government.

The real lesson of the chart is the large area enclosed within the two jagged lines. That represents the No Man's Land of a hung Parliament with no party in an overall majority. Most of the poll figures in recent months would leave us in that No Man's Land.

The table can be used to test out a number of possible *outcomes. Suppose we take* the recent average of Conservatives 40, Labour 38, Alliance 20 and Others two. What if the Alliance recovery is boosted by their Barbican rally yesterday and they put on 3 per cent at the expense of the Tories?

That would leave the Conservatives with 295 seats, *Labour with 307, the Alliance* with 23 and Others, including the Ulstermen, with 25. It would give us the hung Parliament which the Alliance seeks, but a hung Parliament in which, theoretically, Labour could govern without needing to do a deal with the *Alliance at all, provided* it could come to terms with 20 of the others elected.

The Alliance attack is now switching in the hope of destroying Labour's credentials as the best hope of "getting Thatcher out". So what if the Tory vote comes down 1 per cent to 39 per cent and the Alliance gains 2 per *cent at Labour's expense,* pushing them down to 36 per cent? That would put the Tories on 317 seats, nine short of an overall majority. Labour would have 286, the Alliance 23 and others 24. At that point Mrs Thatcher would either have to do a deal with the Alliance or with the Ulster Unionists. What price then the Anglo-Irish Agreement?

At what point would either Labour or the Conservatives have to seek *Alliance* support to form a governing majority? If the Tories slipped to 36 per cent and Labour to 35 there would be the intriguing "balanced Parliament" of which the Alliance dreams: 295 Conservatives and 296 Labour MPs. The 25 "Others" *would not be enough to put* either of them in government. Only the 34 Alliance MPs who would also be there could do that.

It may look a long way off. But to achieve that position the Alliance only needs to repeat its performance in *1983, and that of the Liberals* in 1979, in putting up its vote by a third during the actual election campaign.

Another intriguing projection from the table is what happens if the three major party groupings each attract around 33 per cent of the vote. It is no wonder that the Alliance is campaigning above all else for electoral reform when you see that even equal shares of the vote would give the *Alliance* just 71 seats, while Labour would get 291 and the Conservatives 263.

All in all, a good long look at the accompanying table tells *us three things about the next* election. The first is that Labour's chances of an outright win are slim, and that its chances of doing so depend as much as anything upon a resurgence of the Alliance vote. The second is that the chances of a hung Parliament remain relatively high. And the third is that, for all the recent Tory jubilation, Mrs Thatcher has to open up a much bigger gap on her rivals before it is going to be worth talking seriously about a May or June election.

'Opinion polls measure current temperatures, they are not meant to predict the future'

CONSERVATIVE %

LABOUR %

Labour overall majority

HUNG PARLIAMENT

Conservative overall majority

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OTHERS - 2% ALLIANCE - remainder

Source: MORI

To find the likely totals of seats in the Commons for the major parties resulting from *their percentage* share of the vote: read the figures for Labour from the left-hand side and for the *Conservatives from* the top. The square in which the two lines meet shows the probable outcome in seats. Abbreviations: C = Conservative; L = Labour; A=Alliance; O = Others.

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Mercury rising with the strike

How Britain's other phone service stands to gain from the BT engineers' dispute

The ill wind currently blowing through British Telecom's empire is far more than a dispute over pay. The "young turks" within the company know the battle with the National Communications Union over new working practices must be won if it is to maintain its dominance.

BT's seemingly hard-line insistence that ingrained union practices must go can be traced back to the government decision five years ago to grant a licence for "an alternative telecommunications operator". Quite simply, Britain was to become the first country outside North America to allow telephone competition. Since then, Mercury Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cable & Wireless, has been pressing home the advantages of installing state-of-the-art technology without the encumbrances of a "custom and practice" workforce and old, inherited machinery.

Mercury's critics – and there are many – claim it is nothing short of a "cream-skimming operation" and the Labour party has pledged to take Mercury back into "social ownership" if it wins the next election. But as Mercury was never nationalized, and is not built on the back of hived-off BT assets, the real retaliatory measure by Labour *could be to revoke its licence.*

Mercury kept its investment nerve after its original partners pulled out when projected costs soared past £30 million and Cable & Wireless indicated the gross investment might eventually reach £1 billion. However, Mercury's managing director, Gordon Owen, estimates that, by then, revenue should be £2 billion.

The thrust of Mercury's strategy is that it can offer a better, wider-ranging and cheaper service than BT. It has two different services – Mercury 2100, aimed at larger businesses, and the 2200 system for smaller businesses and home users.

Mercury claims that the 2100 will be 20 per cent cheaper than British Telecom on trunk calls, with greater savings on local calls. There are no savings on local calls with the 2200 system, but Mercury estimates that trunk calls should be around 15 per cent cheaper.

In the City of London, 2100 users – and there are already *more than 1,000 of them* – are connected to the system by fibre optic cable laid into their buildings. Outside the capital, where cable connections are either impossible or too expensive, a dish aerial points towards the nearest Mercury network.

It is a challenge which BT will not ignore – which is why the strike by its normally moderate engineers could develop into bitterness. The giant in the ring cannot afford *to be complacent of its position* in a British telecommunications market that could soon be worth £20 billion.

Tim Jones

The strategy is to offer a cheaper and better service

Englishmen in New York are keeping the ancient craft of stonemasonry alive

Carving a job for life

Gargoyles are unnatural beings in the first place. Confronting them nearly 200 feet above New York's teeming streets makes them seem even more odd. *The feeling comes not simply* from their grotesque faces. It comes from the realization that very few people are ever likely to get this close to them. *The exquisite detail will* remain forever a mystery to the tiny figures down below on Harlem's Amsterdam Avenue.

"Thorough-going quality is not valued in the present-day United States," master mason Alan Bird said. "The usual philosophy here is: design today, build tomorrow, and let it fall down the next."

A 35-year-old Somerset man who once worked on Wells Cathedral, *Bird is now* responsible for training local apprentices to cut the stone with which to complete the 94-year-old Cathedral of St *John the Divine.*

There are three master masons currently at work on the project, which is not scheduled for completion until the 21st century. They are all English.

"There has been a major design error here," said Nicholas Fairplay, as he peered up at the first of the great twin Peter and Paul towers. "Everything has been designed on too small a scale and there is no way that the detailed work can be seen from the ground as anything but a blur.

"I am redesigning the next *stage so that it is in better* proportion. In the meantime we have no choice but to continue in the present manner. The shame is that the apprentices are producing good work now and no one *will ever see it properly from* down here."

Master mason: Nicholas Fairplay works on a statue of Elijah

Fairplay, who was apprenticed at Chichester and Salisbury and undertook *specialized training in* restoring 13th and 14th-century statues at Westminster Abbey, joined the cathedral's team of stonemasons in 1984, two *years after an English team* recommenced the work which stopped the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour.

The apprentices, mainly *blacks and Hispanics* from the Harlem area, have delighted their English teachers. When they were taken on some of them did not know how to *read a ruler. Now several have* graduated from the rough-cutting shed to fine carving.

"It's not about building a cathedral. It's about keeping a craft alive," said Alan Bird, who first wielded a stonecutting *chisel at Wells when,* at the age of 16, he became the first apprentice taken on there for 20 years.

"It was quite an adventure *for me to come to the United* States," he said. "I had lived all my life on a farm near Chewton Mendip. But I knew the restoration work at Wells *was coming to an end.* A great cathedral like that should maintain craftsmen, but they have been moved to a stoneyard at Cheddar. The craft is in *serious danger* of dying out in England."

Nicholas Fairplay agreed. "The standard of workmanship in British cathedrals is *declining rapidly. What* is needed is some kind of inspectorate which outlaws the kind of second-rate restoration work being done today."

The Englishmen have been given their heads in this rather untraditional setting in New York, to the extent that – partly because of lack of cash and partly through pride – the work is being done entirely by hand, in the medieval fashion. *They do not even have a* proper crane but hoist and manipulate the blocks, which can weigh a couple of tons each, entirely by hand.

At the top of the tower the third mason, Stephen Boyle, a stolid young Yorkshireman, was supervising the fixing of the work his two colleagues had prepared below. He trained at Chichester and Salisbury, but modestly described himself as "the artisan" of the trio.

"I'm a kind of site foreman," he said dourly. Still, he feels a sense of duty to the craftsmen of the past – both those who began the present building and those of centuries past who shaped the ancient skill. "I'd like to stay until the tower's finished, even if it might take a lifetime."

He gave us an almost wordless tour, shaping his illustrations with articulate fingers. He smiled wrily at the hideous little Rumplestiltskin covering its ears with its hands "to drown out the noise of Manhattan" and the gargoyle gesticulating abusively towards the nearby home of the cathedral dean.

"It was a tradition in medieval times," he said. "Sometimes they bared their bottom in the direction of the dean's house, sometimes they stuck out their tongue." Part of the delight of the stonemason in his eyrie is that the dean himself, unless he climbs the scaffolding, will probably never know.

Paul Vallely

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FASHION

Smartened up in the high street

The big bosses of Britain's department stores have a new buzz word. "Aspirational" is the name they apply to their target customers and to the new mood that is sweeping through the once-staid shops. The hopes and dreams of the modern shopper are now part of the store package, as tinkling fountains and cascades of greenery sweeten the store environment. The shops that once traded on their reputations are now forced to woo the customer and compete with high street shops.

"Aspirational" captures precisely the spirit of our times in which the shopper is increasingly demanding, discerning, and disloyal.

The changes come both from the consumer and from the dynamic new managements and the powerful personalities who lead the store groups. Sir Ralph Halpern of Debenhams and Brian Walsh at

FASHION EDITOR'S COMMENT

Harrods and the House of Fraser are both high profile, articulate and aware of the changing social patterns which have broken down the traditional class-based categories of consumer and the rigid departmental divides.

At the plate glass heart of it all is the belief that our entire society is trading up, and that quality will be the key note of successful retailing in the 1990s. This is a concept that comes from the United States, where the emphasis on bringing the customer the best is already apparent.

The catalyst for quality in New York has been the Ralph Lauren store on Upper Madison Avenue which, nine months after its opening, still excites strong passions. Filled with elegant merchandise in an Olde English country house setting, it is, according to your point of view, a temple of style and taste for all Americans to aspire to, or a cynical image-making exercise to promote Ralph Lauren's empire.

Love it or loathe it, the Ralph Lauren/Polo shop has set a pattern for up-market shopping which exudes a tangible feeling of luxury and glamour.

The idea that the ultimate consumer experience should be more than a base cash transaction between buyer and seller is already accepted in America. The Trump Tower with its walkways, flowers and cafés is a glamorous place to visit. The same concept, at a more popular level, flows through the fountains of Brent Cross or is found in pedestrian shopping centres across Britain.

The problem for the British stores is to bring the sense of occasion and a pleasurable shopping experience to existing and often old-fashioned department store buildings — which have to keep trading meanwhile.

The innovations so far — and this I consider a criticism — are almost entirely architectural. The giant atrium, cut like an artery through Debenhams of Oxford Street, is filled with merchandise that does not yet live up to the new environment — rather as though a middle-aged lady had gone to the best cosmetic surgeon but kept her old wardrobe.

Fashion merchandise today is increasingly specialized and targeted for career dressing, weekend wear, youth, sports and so on. The successful store has both to refine its large, unwieldy departments and to present itself as an homogenous unit with a distinctive style and philosophy.

Suzy Menkes

HARRODS

Brian Walsh of Harrods believes that "Retailing is theatre. The presentation of the merchandise is as important as the selection." The new chief executive of the House of Fraser shares with his chairman, Mohamed Al-Fayed, the aim of making Harrods the best store in the world. Plucked from Down Under by the Al-Fayed brothers, Brian Walsh, at 50, has come back to his native England with a formidable reputation. His magical touch transformed both the prestige and the profits of the David Jones store in Sydney.

Walsh admits frankly that he wants to make Harrods "more of a place where you come to shop, and less to visit, like Buckingham Palace or the Tower of London."

Physically he wants to give the Dowager Duchess of Belgravia a facelift: to open up enclosing walls; to change the lights and to let the departments flow into each other. He has already broken down the rigid departmental empires of buyers.

"I am disappointed with the shops in London," he says. "They don't make the stores pleasurable. I am critical, too, of the visual merchandising in England. In fact, I think England is a disgrace in its department stores. They are dirty and I am surprised that the public don't rise up and demand that they are properly managed."

Brian Walsh's style of management is, like his smile, open and friendly. He believes in personal contact with the shop floor, aided by technological links. The desk-top computers, which he installed as soon as he arrived, read out current sales. "Knowledge is power," says Mr Walsh, claiming that the major problem of the department store is having too little stock.

Walsh has started to tackle not the physical layout of his store, but the fashion, by bringing in Clare Stubbs from Harvey Nichols. "Fashion is the most important part of our business," he says. "It is what makes it succeed or fail and where there is the greatest growth. But I am just as interested in bringing fashion into china and glass or bed linen."

The store has traditionally stocked all the merchandise fit to sell rather than goods with a Harrods handwriting.

HARRODS (above): White cotton-drill zip-up jacket, £98; slim straight skirt, £57; blue and white striped cotton leotard, £48 all by Jasper Conran. Orange wooden earrings and beads by Eric Beamon from Harrods jewellery department

DEBENHAMS *(right): Lace collared linen blouse, £22.99;* navy blue and white v-neck sweater, £22.99; navy blue and white polka-dot sun-ray pleated skirt, £27.99. Silver and gold twisted hoop earrings available from a selection at Debenhams jewellery department

Photograph: **TONY MCGEE.** Hair: Debbie Horgan for Daniel Galvin. Make-up: Daniel Sandler

"I don't believe that you can teach people taste, or that it is a store's job to do it," he says. "I believe we should sell uncompromising quality and that means telling buyers never to try to shave £5 off a price, but to tell the supplier to put that £5 into the shirt."

Harrods' reputation as the top people's store reflects the English class system, which Brian Walsh cannot comprehend after 32 years in Australia. "I love 'em all," he says. "But I don't understand class and that's the truth. I want to sell nice things to nice people. When they tell me about the B1 and B2s I don't know what the heck they are talking about. I ask them where you put an escort girl who has got more disposable income than a doctor. Income is what I'm looking at."

DEBENHAMS

Ralph Halpern's dream is about to be unveiled at Debenhams in Oxford Street. Next month, Burton's group chairman will officially open the five floors of 60 foot escalators under a vast translucent glass dome.

The central well, sliced out of boudoir-pink marble, reflects myriad spotlights twinkling like a night sky around the atrium — created for Debenhams by Rodney Fitch, designer of Heathrow's new Terminal 4, in just seven months.

Getting the store to live up to its fabulous new architecture is taking a little longer. Halpern's idea is to group different areas of merchandise in individual boutiques round the atrium and its walkways. Each will be presented with a background vista and props to target a particular customer. These "focus" departments with specialist merchandise are the diametric opposite of the rambling rails of indeterminate clothes that make stores look like vast stockrooms.

"Identifying and defining the needs of new and growing sections of consumers and their specialist shopping requirements, is the way to sell," says Sir Ralph, drawing for me three interlaced circles — two large and one small. These explain how he categorizes the modern shopper into the few with little spending power, the majority of relatively affluent customers aspiring to join the ultimate circle of design and quality. Sir Ralph has a mission to encourage everyone to want the best, and the Debenhams store, with its upwardly-mobile escalators, embodies his aims.

Burton's design studio director, Jeannette Todd, has the task of expressing the same feeling with the merchandise. She is aiming to up-grade goods throughout the 67 Debenhams stores.

"Our customers go from children to 70-years-olds. Morally a department store has to serve the whole community," she says. "You can't just do one style or colour palette, but you can offer many more colour options and better acrylic sweaters. *We have to get the balance* between the department store clutter and creating an environment like the Ralph Lauren store where everything is perfect."

DICKINS & JONES

When Paul Taylor watched the green and gold window blinds *unroll intact* after 40 years, he felt that they symbolized what he is trying to do with his store. The managing director of Dickins & Jones is determined to give back to the Regent Street store the sleek grandeur of its 1920s heritage.

The Dickins rejuvenation has started beautifully — by installing a glamorous cosmetic area in the main entrance hall where a tail-coated musician can be found strumming on a white piano among the powders and paints.

For Paul Taylor the restoration of the store seems painfully slow, although the pillared fabric hall on the ground floor is already trading. Both that and the peach marble cosmetic department were completed while the store was still operational.

The aim of the New York architects Hambrecht Terrell *has been* to emphasize Dickins & Jones' new image as a fashion specialist store. A younger customer is being lured down the newly-installed escalator to the lower ground floor, which is boldly checked in black and white tiles and has graphic shopfittings and displays. It contains a men's department, the Gallery Club of young designer clothes, a hi-tech coffee bar and a restaurant — all designed to cater for the young. The general effect is bright, fresh, modern and a world away from the stuffy image of the traditional store. The transformation will continue on the upper fashion floors, which have been smartened-up but not yet radically restructured.

The overall concept is to bring to the store a feeling of luxury and glamour, and an *enjoyable* shopping experience while keeping a selection of mid-price clothes. These are currently divided up by designer labels, rather than into tightly focused areas of merchandise or specialist requirements. Most of these designers present tailored clothes as mix-and-match separates, with a few strong designer labels including Escada, Mondi and Nicole Farhi.

The evening and special occasion dress department, which is one of the most successful selling areas, offers the traditional store package of a wide range of style and price in one large department.

DICKINS AND JONES: Black and white puppy-tooth check double-breasted jacket, £166; mid-calf slim skirt, £82; both by Nicole Farhi. White silk shirt, £24 by OuiSet. Silver earrings £59 by Georgiana Scott, striped gloves, from a selection at Dickins and Jones

Photograph: **CHRIS EDWICK.** Hair and make-up: Mark at Mark Nicholas, 2 Bathurst Street, W2

PEOPLE

Male order

The revenge of tailoring on casual wear, a penchant for blanket checks and tartans, high-waisted trousers and high-buttoned jackets were the themes of the French Menswear Show, SEHM. **Daniel Hechter** backed Harris tweed, country colours and the look of the young Duke of Windsor, while **Ted Lapidus** focused on *Prince of Wales checks.* The duffel is the coat for the next winter season. **Yves St Laurent** made it in bold blanket check and **Lucien Foncel** made it long and strong. **Balmain** and **Dior** both played with colour for their strictly-tailored lines, putting a chalk stripe of pastel on sober suits. **Pierre Cardin** loosened up his jackets, cutting them with side vents like an over-shirt.

- The fur collar is the latest fashion touch for the man's overcoat. **Jean Paul Gaultier** went wild about fur, mixing fake leopard and astrakhan. The sheep was chic at **Claude Montana**, whose shearling jackets were long and belted. **Cerruti's** evening style included a dressing gown wrap coat piped with black satin and a black evening waistcoat
- *Jackets* are getting shorter, shapelier and more colourful. **Montana's** matelot boleros were cropped at the breastbone over high-waist trousers or were curved in at the waist and made as suits in olive, jade and coral.
- The collar was rounded off by **Thierry Mugler**, whose curvy jackets in hôtel porter *green* and bordeaux had no lapels and stand-up officer collars.

Shapes to suit

Checking out the English Menswear Designer Collections in London last week

English menswear designers are going wild in the country for autumn. The designer show which was the main feature of a three-day exhibition in London last week portrayed the English country gent at his most eccentric.

The city suit does appear, but in the case of Ally Capellino's brown worsted wool jacket, the shape is caricatured by eccentric tailoring. Jacket shoulders are wide and slope backwards, the lapels are smaller and cut high and the shirts are in tiny, old-fashioned checks rather than city stripes.

The peacock male strutted out in English Eccentric's crewel-embroidered Nehru jackets and Stephen King's loud, boxy suits in contrasting panels of spots and stripes. The emphasis has turned away from the outrageous or startling towards tailoring with quality fabrics and clever cutting.

Nigel Cabourn's collection of rugged outdoor clothes brought functional fashion to the catwalk. Oil cloth and hopsack drape comfortably with fine Italian shirting and Harris tweed. The great outdoors of the 1940s inspired Artwork's collection of creamy ski sweaters and tapered trousers with ankle cuffs. The obscurely named Duffer of St George company mixed Gatsby with Savile Row and came up with a boldly checked Norfolk jacket teamed with a fine silk cravat.

● French Connection showed for men, women and children last week. The models ran down the catwalk in muted shades of pastel blue and beige for spring. The key to the collection is in the layering; children appeared as scaled-down versions of the adults and even they had shirt-tails flying over rolled-up trousers several sizes too large. Everyone had an oversized jacket and when the girls wore short skirts they also wore long white socks to mimic the children.

In her new role as trainee fashion editor on *Vogue*, David Bailey's wife Catherine Dyer was the glossiest scribbler to witness this parade.

Lovat green Harris tweed Norfolk jacket, Viyella tattersall check shirt and corduroy trousers by Ally Capellino

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THE TIMES DIARY

Coming unstuck

Her Majesty does not let her profile appear on every stamp design the Post Office comes up with. At a slide-show laid on for the Society of Friends of the National Postal Museum, the Post Office's design adviser, Barry Robinson, revealed that the submission of special issues to the palace is far from a formality. Indeed, I understand, the Queen has been known to demand a design is rejigged. Yesterday the Post Office told me: "On one or two occasions, Her Majesty has made comments which we have, of course, been pleased to take account of. It would not be appropriate for us to quote details." I have it on good authority, however, that one stamp to incur royal displeasure was a special Christmas issue a couple of years back.

● **Overheard in a Chiswick *jeweller's, shop assistant to customer examining a collection of crucifix pendants: "Are you looking for a plain one or one with a little man on it?"***

Maternal guilt

Unable to get their hands on Sam Nujoma, the Namibian founder of Swapo, the South African security forces have, I hear, taken to harassing his octogenarian mother Helvi. Namibia's assistant Lutheran bishop, Matti Amadihla, says members of a police anti-insurgency unit called at her village home in northern Namibia and threatened to kill her. Showing a hitherto unimagined metaphysical bent, they demanded to know of the terrified woman why she had given birth to a man who was maiming and killing their colleagues. Now the bishop has arranged to keep an eye on his elderly parishioner, to deter them from pursuing their philosophical investigation.

King sighs

The executive lounge at John F. Kennedy Airport put up a special guest the other day. Grounded by snowstorms, the British Airways chairman, Lord King, spent the night stretched across a two-seater settee alongside other delayed Concorde passengers. After a night of what I understand was less than blissful slumber, he eventually arrived in *London too late for his planned* appearance on *Wogan*. To add insult to backache, the BBC gave his spot to Virgin Atlantic boss Richard Branson.

Church brass

Good news for us thin-lipped Calvinists. For the first time since the Royal Army Chaplains' Department was established in 1920, a non-Anglican has been appointed chaplain-general. Though there are only 18 Church of Scotland padres in the army, compared with 103 from the Church of England, the job has gone to a Presbyterian. James Harkness's denomination was neither an assistance nor hindrance to his appointment, says the Chaplains' Department. Nevertheless, it means that the job of maintaining military links with the Archbishop of Canterbury — strained enough post-Falklands — will now devolve to an assistant.

BARRY FANTONI

'The difference is we use the KGB to discover other people's secrets.'

Rag time

A geology lecturer at Reading University has become embroiled in an unseemly squabble with the vice-chancellor, Ewan Page, that could have leapt straight from Malcolm Bradbury's *The History Man*. The row is over Page's demand to read future proofs of the left-wing student union magazine *Spark*, in the wake of a series of outspoken articles it has printed about university staff. Page tells me that the magazine has been "taken over by one party" and is using public funds to promote partisan politics. Now the lecturer, Beverly Halstead, has written in the magazine urging students to fight university "censorship and intimidation". Howard Kirk would have been proud of him.

What-knot

The electorate has decided that the strips of gold dangling from the shirt collars of Davids Owen and Steel last week were not an exact match for the Alliance's election colour. Indeed, the best Owen could do was a gold necktie streaked appropriately with a blue stripe. Such pity has the spectacle inspired that Steel's office received five gold ties through the post yesterday. And none, an assistant tells me, is quite the "prime gold" prescribed by the admen.

PHS

Richard Ford on the bloody background of the McGlinchey assassination

INLA: born in a feud, dying in a feud

Belfast

Born and baptized in a bloody feud, the Irish National Liberation Army is apparently dissolving in much the same way, fragmented into murderous factions. One-time "comrades" supposedly engaged in the struggle to drive Britain from Ireland and build a socialist republic are riddling each other with bullets. The latest victim, Mrs Mary McGlinchey, will be buried today.

Twelve years ago it was anger at the official IRA's ceasefire that led to the split that spawned INLA, the most ruthless and unpredictable terrorist organization to emerge during almost 20 years of the troubles. A heady brew of ultra-left-wing rhetoric and terrorist activity quickly erupted into a feud, with every assassination being followed by claim and counter-claim.

At intervals down the years there was bloodshed on the streets of Belfast, Dundalk, Dublin and even Paris as old scores were settled and power struggles resolved. All this reduced INLA's ability to sustain an effective campaign, particularly as its active membership was probably well under 100, including only a handful of proficient gunmen and bombers. In 1986 it was responsible for just one death in the North.

But INLA had assured itself of a place in the history books by planting the booby-trap bomb that killed the Prime Minister's close friend, Airey Neave MP, in 1979. Three years later it again shot to prominence when a 5lb bomb at the Droppin Well Inn at Ballykelly killed 11 soldiers and six civilians. *A year later INLA men burst into* a church hall in County Armagh and shot dead three worshippers.

Like the Provisional IRA, INLA's ranks had been swollen by recruits during the hunger strikes. But many had little commitment to the republican cause and were susceptible to blandishments from the Royal Ulster Constabulary to become informers. INLA was hard hit by the detention of many activists.

Into the organizational vacuum stepped Dominic McGlinchey, a defector from the Provos — described by police as a psychopath who was wanted for questioning about up to 20 murders. McGlinchey attacked security forces in the North; but increasing anxiety about his own safety led *him and his wife to be associated* with a number of killings of INLA members before his eventual capture in the republic. After that various would-be leaders emerged, but in the words of one INLA spokesman, "We had more chiefs of staff than a brothel has customers."

The organization *split into four* factions, with the most powerful comprising leading figures detained in Belfast on the word of supergrass Harry Kirkpatrick. As operations against security forces became almost non-existent, there was a growth of racketeering, extortion and other crimes by a 15-strong group based in Dundalk and led by John O'Reilly.

According to one theory, three of the factions agreed to disband INLA, and since Christmas gained the crucial support of leading activists released from jail in Belfast when their convictions were quashed. They apparently favour setting up a new Marxist-Republican group to stand alongside Provisional Sinn Fein and the Provisional IRA and are intent on *enforcing the disbandment, either* by argument or force of arms.

Their first victims were O'Reilly and Thomas Power, shot dead in a hotel bar two weeks ago. They had resisted the instruction to disband and had hoped to attract disillusioned Provisionals.

Mrs Mary McGlinchey's death at the weekend remains a matter of confusion. INLA denies involvement, though she was close to the O'Reilly faction. One theory is that the feud is being used as a cover to settle old scores relating to her involvement in the killings of suspected informers during her husband's reign as chief of staff. Another is that killing her ended the remaining influence of her husband.

The security forces are remaining sceptical about the claims being made by rival factions. They *suspect a struggle for control of the* organization is being led by a man known as Doctor Death, who was freed from jail at Christmas. They believe that if the name INLA disappears, another terrorist group will emerge, whose embryo may be the little-known Irish People's Liberation Organization. It has already killed one police officer and attempted to murder two others.

For the security forces the feuding is a bonus. But any group formed from the 24 INLA terrorists freed at Christmas has the capacity to commit murder and mayhem — though not on the scale of the major republican terrorist group, the Provisional IRA. Its discipline, its greater support within the nationalist community and deeper *historical* roots have enabled it to sustain a terrorist campaign for nearly 20 years. As a spokesman said in a recent interview: "The IRA is going to go on and on until Britain tires and is exhausted."

Michael Meadowcroft

The local route to winnability

After the razzmatazz it's batten-down-the-hatches time, folks. The Alliance's Barbican rally last Saturday was fun and, heaven knows, politics needs some fun now and again. But I'm left worrying lest my political allies might tumble into the seductive trap of confusing presentation for substance. One cannot solve political problems by mechanical means and we need to make sure that Alliance campaigning is rather easier to find than the Barbican Centre.

Whatever they say, politicians are hooked on opinion polls and reach for them with trembling hands. The current divergences are difficult to explain. Polling methods and the framing of questions may make some difference but I cannot recollect such wide divergences between polls taken within days of each other. The danger for politicians is to believe that somehow the public's voting preferences are determined inexorably by the content and quality of political argument.

It is easy to be lulled into this by the inevitable computer prediction of what the poll figures would mean in terms of seats in parliament. Not only does our peculiar system of electoral roulette prevent more than a notional degree of accuracy in a three-party system; it also ignores the very real possibility of individual seats responding to special attention from Alliance workers in ways which greater ties to a class base prevent the Conservative and Labour parties from achieving.

There is no rule that forces the Alliance vote to perform consistently across the country, relative to demography or to national events. But the idea that it does do so seems to have slipped insidiously into Alliance consciousness. The result could be, ironically, that some seats that could once have been winnable at a 15 per cent national rating by dint of local determination may now be thought unwinnable at 25 per cent nationally.

It is obvious, though, that lifting the party's poll rating in a significant number of *individual* seats must bring an increase in the *national* rating. This in turn makes electors more receptive to the local appeal.

The long haul that brought us to the Barbican is therefore not an end in itself. Rather it signals a drawing of a line across the internal debates, a gathering of voices, and an indication of what an Alliance government would bring. From now until polling day there has to be a greater emphasis on the collective potential of the Alliance than Liberals usually find comfortable.

The book *The Time Has Come – Partnership for Progress*, hammered out by the two parties together over long months, is in two key parts. The second looks at the policies that will be needed to take us into the 1990s in each key area and as such is a source document for every neighbourhood leaflet and every public meeting and doorstep. The first part, however, is to my mind more important. It sets out the values that are the basis for the policies. It seeks to provide a framework for the future development of ideas.

So, as the Alliance gets its head down to dash for the tape, it has to make two separate appeals in tandem. One is to those who realize that the turn-and-turn-about politics of the forty years *since the war* have no ideological appeal. For such people the Alliance has to emphasize its underlying values and to paint a vivid picture of the kind of society it is working towards.

The second appeal is directly to the voter. We need to leapfrog the media and to talk directly to the individual in the clubs and the pubs, on the doorstep and at our meetings. To cover enough such ground to make a significant impact on the polls requires more activists than we currently have. It would therefore be a gross misjudgement on the part of Alliance leaders to believe we can achieve the second aim without the first. The appeal to get stuck in is attractive if put in a dynamic and challenging message, but moderation and balance will not do on their own.

Those in the front line of the Alliance's electoral team have now to pick up the ball and run with it. It is no use standing around waiting for the captains to score. As Roy Jenkins was saying on *Weekend World* on Sunday, in a rather less felicitous analogy, Liberal and SDP candidates have now been sent "over the top" by their generals to garner every possible vote. There is certainly no point hanging around in no man's land hoping that the big guns will clear away.

One reason why local elections and parliamentary byelections produce a significantly higher Alliance vote than shown in national opinion polls is that for a limited period the elector's mind is concentrated on local issues and the campaign homes in on how people will vote on a specific Thursday just a few weeks ahead. This provides evidence for the accuracy of a *Today* poll last week which found that a surprisingly high number of otherwise Conservative and Labour voters would support the Alliance if they thought it could win their particular constituency.

By definition it is currently impossible to demonstrate such winnability on a national computerized basis in all but a handful of constituencies. However, it is possible even in a general election to create a local momentum sufficiently effective to convince voters to be influenced more by local evidence than by national statistics. How else were Leeds West and Yeovil won in 1983?

My advice to my colleagues, for what it is worth, is to leave the national campaign to get on with its by now ordained plans and to build a local vote that will supplement whatever national poll rating we currently earn. Poll-watching may be compulsive but it needs to be a spur to activity, not a replacement for it.

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Douglas Evans argues that Britain can take a lead in the EEC crisis

Reform CAP? No, we must dismantle it

An Atlantic trade war in agriculture spilling over into manufactures has once again been averted. The latest General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) — the so-called Uruguay Round — has escaped a parlous beginning. Yet agricultural protectionism, a vast superstructure of subsidies, ploughs on like some latter-day Titanic heading for the icefields.

Thanks to the inability of the United States to reduce its deficit and the unwillingness to date of Japan and West Germany to expand their sluggish economies, the Plaza Accord of autumn 1985, designed to reduce the US trade deficit and stabilize exchange rates, has succeeded in driving the dollar down precipitately, at least against the major currencies.

The US is rediscovering what Britain experienced in the 1970s, that competitive devaluation is double-edged. In the case of the dollar, one of the three major currencies, it has much wider ramifications. John Kenneth Galbraith, *the American economist*, has not been slow to point out the conjunction of monetary instability and protectionist pressures echoing 1929.

There is a real threat to the current growth in world trade. Britain is vitally concerned. A third of Britain's GNP is traded abroad. But can Britain realistically affect the outcome?

At the centre of the current trade and monetary stand-off are the trade balances of the three most powerful non-communist economies. While Japan maintains an annual surplus of $83 billion (two-thirds of it earned by exports to the US), and West Germany $56 billion, the US is running a current-account deficit of $170 billion. The US argues that it has acted as the locomotive economy for worldwide growth in the mid-1980s, so now West Germany and Japan must encourage growth by tax and interest-rate cuts.

But simply allowing the dollar to devalue as a means of prodding the West Germans and Japanese holds great dangers not only for the US but for most western economies. All this adds up to a backcloth of monetary uncertainty. But the agricultural threat and its spectre of protectionism are more particular.

At the moment the US, the EEC and Japan are the principal motors of agricultural protectionism, the US with subsidies worth *$35 billion, the EEC $25 billion*, and Japan $11 billion. On the face of it the US appears the most culpable. (That is the position adopted by the newly elected president of the European Parliament, Sir Henry Plumb, who recently claimed that US farm subsidies were double those of the EEC.) But is it most culpable?

It is the EEC, largely at French insistence, that has for the past five years resisted US pleas to reconvene the GATT ministerial round, largely to prevent agriculture being discussed. It is during this precise period that the US has introduced its own subsidies as counter-measures to a worldwide programme of European export subsidies which have crippled US farm exports and devastated the greatest natural cereal-growing region in the world.

The difficulty of advocating reform of the Common Agricultural Policy is in making reform seem credible. Dr Sicco Mansholt, the former EEC commissioner for agriculture, produced a reform package as far back as 1968 — and is now drafting another. Many people throughout the Community, farmers, taxpayers and consumers, have long since reached the point of believing that the CAP is not worth reforming or remotely likely to be comprehensively reformed. The inescapable conclusion for many is that the solution is to dismantle it. The critical questions are how and over what timescale?

But first there are the hitherto insuperable political hurdles. The most often repeated objection is that if you take away the CAP you dismantle the Community's most developed common policy. True. *But if it acts merely in the interests* of five million farmers and the agri-business, while harming the interests of 250 million European consumers, might it not be better to abandon it?

France has a greater vested interest in retaining the CAP than any other nation. Not only do farmers make up 20 per cent of the French electorate; they are also well-organized lobbyists, long accustomed to having their requests accommodated. Moreover, France has always seen the CAP as one of the instruments by which France could assert its position at the heart of Europe.

Britain, as a major agricultural importer, has no such interest. The CAP has never suited Britain's taxpayers and consumers, who have been paying out billions of pounds for no very good purpose. Moreover, British farmers with average real incomes halved since Britain joined the EEC in 1973, with £6 billion worth of farming debt loan at high rates of interest, are not indissolubly bound to the CAP, particularly if its replacement is sufficiently appealing. With a comparatively small farming electorate, not likely to vote socialist, the present British government has a special opportunity.

The first step in dismantling the CAP would be therefore something like a four-year timetable of targeted budget reductions where each sector would come under the direct scrutiny of the Budget Council at a very early stage. The role of the commissioner for agriculture would be how best to operate within those reductions. Such a timetable would run in tandem with the talks on agri*culture within GATT*.

The second step would be that of repatriating agricultural policy to national control. This would mean, in the case of Britain and probably most of the others, switching from price support to income support.

Third, and finally, in Britain's case the whole switch to income support for an interim period would give the opportunity for the farming sector's privatization to be promoted for what it was, a positive benefit and widening of opportunity.

In order to break the mould, one of the larger members of the Community has to make the decision to repatriate its agricultural policy whatever the other members do. Both by interest and *inclination Britain is best suited to* take this step. It might even enlist the support of the four Mediterranean countries, on the ground that much more money might become available to Italy, Greece, Spain and Portugal through the social and regional funds currently totalling a mere $3 billion.

The bitter truth is that unless such a radical exercise is embarked upon swiftly, the Community could be facing paralysis from bankruptcy by mid-year.

Back in the mid-17th century, in a brief 20-year span, Jean Baptiste Colbert, Louis XIV's economic czar, shaped the French state and foreign policy into a mercantilist mould. Within a very short time aggressive trade policies based on the mercantilist assumption that you can only grow internationally at the expense of others led to the Dutch Wars. By and large the temper of French economic policy has been pre-eminently *dirigiste* ever since.

A century after Colbert's reign an alternative voice presented itself at the head of French affairs in the person of the great statesman and economist of the Enlightenment, A.R.J. Turgot (1727-81), whose words might be usefully heeded by France's political leaders today:

"Whatever sophisms self-interested businessmen may heap upon each other, the truth is that all branches of commerce should be free, *equally* free, *entirely* free; that the policy of some politicians who imagine that they favour national commerce by prohibiting the imports of foreign merchandize is a pure illusion; that this policy results only in making all branches of commerce enemies one to another and in nurturing among nations a germ of hatred and of wars, even the most mild effects of which are a thousand times more costly to the people . . . than all the paltry profits which may accrue to individuals may happen to be worth. The truth is that in wishing to hurt others we hurt only ourselves."

It is as if Turgot had the CAP particularly in mind.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Far, far from the madding crowd

Today marks the first appearance on this page of MPs as a distinct community.

It is for them a huge change. These politicians have inhabited the north-east corner of the back page of the main news section for centuries. In that unpredictable region, control of which has been disputed by all the great powers in the newspaper, the MPs in their enclave *had* to live alongside stories, continued from the front page, of murder in Beirut or Belfast; photographs of troubled oil tankers or of the Royal Family going in and out of country churches; AA spokesmen lamenting that people were driving like manaics; and tales of battling grannies fighting off muggers.

Surrounded by a such evidence of a world so full of terror and irrationality, it is unsurprising that the MPs — confined to their North Eastern redoubt — should themselves appear a people swept by conflicts and passions inexplicable to the Twentieth Century.

And so, while MPs quarrelled among themselves, in 1987 the tyrant Sport established its dominion over the entire back page as surely as Macedon founded her empire by taking advantage of Greece's disunity. And so began the great migration of the MPs to the developed world in the centre of the paper.

It is to be hoped that they will be received in a civilized manner. Any influx of 650 people of a very different background from most of the indigenous inhabitants of the centre pages is bound to involve tension. Much will depend on the host community. But given goodwill on all sides, there is no reason why the MPs, after a generation or so here, should not become completely assimilated. Some of us look forward to the day when the average Trotskyite Gay Activist on the Labour benches will live peacefully on this page alongside Dr Roger Scruton, each respecting the other's culture.

The Labour Party yesterday marked its arrival on the page by finding a decent issue. This was almost the first time this has happened in this Parliament. The issue it found was the Special Branch raid at the weekend on the BBC offices in Scotland. By yesterday the Government seemed not to have convinced most people — including a lot of its own backbenchers — that it was right and proper. The shadow Secretary for Scotland, Mr Donald Dew-ar, who was allowed to ask an emergency question, naturally assumed that it was not. He said the raid was crude, intimidatory, had only the most tenuous connection with security and was dangerous nonsense. The rest of his party of course assumed that he was right. They bayed happily for half an hour. Perhaps he, and they, are right. Certainly, the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, did not show that they were wrong. He kept on insisting in effect that the raid was nothing to do with the Government and was a matter for the police. Most of the Tory backbenchers who contributed in effect agreed with him, although with the proviso that if the Government was involved, then that was right too.

But most Tory backbenchers did not contribute. They sat rather warily. Their mood was summed up by wise old bird Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C), who told Mr Rifkind: "Until we know the nature of the material (taken away from the BBC Glasgow office by the special branch), we cannot know whether there has been a breach of security (by the BBC) or an invasion of journalists' freedom."

Quite so. In the interval before we find out, Mr Tony Benn yesterday told Mr Rifkind that this Government was the biggest threat to democracy "than anything since the destruction of Hitler in 1945". Mr Eric Heffer said it was like East Europe and Chile.

Mr Roy Jenkins likened it to "a second rate police state". The comparisons immediately became respectable. Under the British constitution, an exaggeration is only respectable if Mr Jenkins joins in. That is the traditional sign that something is worrying potential SDP defectors among voters in the South East. That was why Labour had found a good decent issue.

Alistair Maclean, craftsman of story-telling

Any writer's death diminishes us. Extinct volcanoes may explode, brown twigs flower. But, although Alistair Maclean, who died yesterday, was far from extinct in terms of output, there can be no denying that his novels, which began so strongly with *HMS Ulysses*, based on his wartime experiences, had thinned until they were hardly more than outlines for films, which many became.

His later books were, in relation to the rich stream of English adventure stories, much what the James Bond films are to the authentic work of Ian Fleming — but without the jokes. This analogy is informative, since Maclean, sensibly, followed the fashion of the market; the commercial fashion, not an intellectual-trendy one.

Films in general, and thrillers in particular, have been aimed increasingly at a teenage market which is supposed to like nothing but explosions, car chases and a great deal of blood. If these elements are insufficiently present in books bought for adaptation, the stories are filleted and coloured in cochineal to match. Maclean, like a good businessman, simply anticipated the process.

Another present-day tendency, not only in films but in the profitable genre of airport-bookstall fiction, is to boast of stories "ripped from tomorrow's headlines"; their attraction depending less on the perils and triumphs of individual men and women than on the extrapolation and fantastication of current events; on Russian conspiracies, Arab terrorism, CIA machinations, sabotaged oil-rigs, pollution and politics.

This approach, which might seem helpful, really isn't. It actuality impedes romance, distracting the writer from his proper purpose. The war stories with which Alastair Maclean began and to which he several times returned, led in this direction too easily.

Critics and literary editors — critics of films no less than books — have contributed to the decline of story-telling. At best they have regarded thrillers, adventure stories and romances as being merely, in Graham Greene's condescending phrase, "entertainment", quite different from and inferior to the gloomy and sensitive novels which, in their minds, constitute literature.

The result has been a gap in what should be a continuous *critical spectrum*. The normal standard of good writing, craftsmanlike structure, plausibility of character and inherent readability are not fully or consistently applied. So the writers, with nothing but a crass and perhaps misunderstood market to guide them, wander away from the excellence of which they might be capable.

The great adventure story writers, such as Haggard, Buchan, Stevenson, Conan Doyle and P.C. Wren, offered battles and chases in plenty. But the secret of their enduring appeal was more intimate. They had a warmth which the headline-ripping tales quite lack. Even Edgar Wallace and Ian Fleming, whose books translated readily into films, wrote much more than a scenario: their voices were distinct and friendly.

The desire for a story is indeed as basic to mankind as the love of a warm fire and a satisfying meal. By neglecting or despising the art and craft involved, by not applying high standards to the good and bad within all such work, we not only detract from our comfort; we weaken something very close to the heart of the human condition.

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UNCERTAIN SECRETS

If Ministers can be shown in today's Commons debate to have initiated the Special Branch raid on the BBC's headquarters in Glasgow, that would confirm the suspicions of those who regard the attempt to stop publication of information about the Zircon spy satellite as little more than political persecution directed against radical journalism in general and Mr Duncan Campbell in particular.

Yesterday in the Commons, however, the Scottish Secretary, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, gave the most categorical assurances that no Minister had played any part in the case since the Attorney General initiated the original police inquiry. Unless there is substantial reason to disbelieve Mr Rifkind — which there is not — these assurances should be accepted. They are, indeed, quite plausible.

When the two major parties are thought to be level-pegging in the opinion polls, it cannot possibly be in the political interest of Ministers to preside over a police raid on the BBC. It is precisely the sort of event which seems to give credence to the accusations of "authoritarianism" which Labour spokesmen have levelled against the Prime Minister since the Clive Ponting and Sarah Tisdall cases. Not even the Home Office could have been unaware that such a raid promised to be a public relations disaster.

Moreover, as Mr Rifkind pointed out, it is improper for Ministers to direct or restrain the police once an inquiry has been launched. Given this police independence, the only sanction available to Ministers is not to initiate an inquiry in the first place. That might have been wise in retrospect. Until now, however, Mr Neil Kinnock's charge has been that Ministers were tardy rather than over-zealous in investigating the security leak.

If Ministers are debarred from restraining the police, then that burden falls upon the courts which must satisfy themselves that there are good grounds for warrants to search journalistic premises and seize documents. And here anxieties arise from the fact that a general warrant was granted. This enabled the police to remove vast quantities of documents which apparently concern not merely the programme on the Zircon satellite, but others in the same series.

Such warrants must always be regarded with suspicion — whether they are granted to the police to search radical magazines or to the VAT inspectors to investigate the accounts of small businesses. What this type of warrant suggests is that the police had no very precise idea that they would find some particular evidence, but hoped to find something. And until that suspicion is plainly dispelled, the public will feel that the courts should have been more sceptical.

The charges, then, lie as follows. Ministers initiated an inquiry too late to protect the secret of the Zircon satellite but in time to allow the Special branch to settle accounts with Mr Campbell. The police, in their anxiety to discover evidence of his having broken at least some law, drew their inquiries much too widely. And the courts failed to restrain this abuse of power.

Whether these charges are justified may become clearer in the coming weeks. What should be grasped, however, is that the various authorities were responding to a new and puzzling problem: namely, the widely-held belief that journalists have no duty but full disclosure even in matters of security and defence. Such an attitude helps to explain why Labour MPs have promoted public showings of the banned film on the Zircon satellite, which their leader regards as damaging to national security, and why the BBC asked Mr Duncan Campbell to make it in the first place.

No responsible government could accept the right of journalists to reveal military secrets to an enemy by printing them in newspapers. In seeking to prevent this happening, however, the authorities are provoked into folly. They appear either inept or overweening. And controversy attaches not to the initial breach of security but to the official attempt to limit the damage. In all the recent kerfuffle, for instance, it has been entirely forgotten that Mr Campbell's original charge that the Government had misled Parliament over Zircon was false.

The debate on official secrets, which has been rumbling on unresolved for too many years, must now be reopened.

THE DUKE AND THE THE DEMOCRATS

When Mr Roy Jenkins first flipped through his *Orlando Furioso* and found the fateful phrase about "breaking the mould" of British politics, he raised hopes that have still not been fulfilled. As an ambition for a new party it was always somewhat ambiguous. As time goes by, it is not shown to be any less so.

"Nature made him and then broke the mould", Ariosto wrote approvingly of the Duke of Ross, a man whose virtue "surpassed nature's laws". This might reasonably be interpreted as a rather conservative doctrine.

Perhaps the SDP, viewing the British political system in more baleful light than the poet saw his subject, took the phrase to mean that once the Duke was dead his like would no more be seen. If that was so then, sadly for the Alliance, he has been a long time dying. By the time his successors have to be chosen, Mr Jenkins, Dr Owen and Mr Steel may themselves be part of history.

As our political editor points out in his opinion poll analysis on today's Spectrum page, the traditional British two-party fight is still predominant in Britain. The Alliance is important but it has not hit the big time.

There is still no clearly understood sense of its character. Mr Grimond lectured Saturday's Barbican conference on how there is no essential slogan that can be stuck on a car bumper. Alliance leaders no longer vaunt an Alliance government. The Liberal leader has let it be known that if his party once again fails to break through at the next election he will give up the job he has held for more than ten wilderness years.

We have long argued that the Alliance has been held back by its two-headed leadership. It has not yet become the non-socialist opposition. The effect of the defence debacle at last year's Liberal conference has, if anything, been even worse than was anticipated at the time.

Mr Jenkins's creation has certainly, however, made the other parties reach for their calculators. As the MORI chart shows, if, for example, Labour's support stays at around 38 per cent and if the Alliance can knock down the Tories to 31 per cent, then Labour could have an eleven seat majority. More likely scenarios produce parliaments without any overall majority at all. If Labour can be knocked down to to 35 per cent and the Tories to 36 per cent, there would even be the "balanced parliament" for which Alliance friends all pray. The game can be enjoyed for hours, especially if played with nervous Tory MPs.

There is, of course, no guarantee of an imminent election. Polls describe the present; they do not predict the future. Mrs Thatcher is not going to go to the country until she thinks she can win — and that assessment may have much more to do with voters' optimism about the economy than with their stated preference for the parties themselves.

The most immediate impact of the Alliance is on Government policies. Westland has chosen a good time to demand money for unwanted helicopters; Mr Graham Day is not far behind. It is open season for inventors of "special employment measures".

The centre ground is getting rather crowded. The radical Dr Owen may be saving himself for later battles but it was clear enough at the Barbican how his cutting edge has been muffled by the more comforting reminiscences of Messrs Jenkins and Steel. It might even be argued that Labour's most literate and best Chancellor of the Exchequer always knew that "to break the mould" was to leave the world exactly as it was.

THE LEGITIMATE PRESIDENT AQUINO

First results of yesterday's plebiscite in the Philippines indicate that President Corazon Aquino has won a landslide majority in favour of her constitution. This is not only a victory for constitutional rule in a country which has lived under martial law for nearly two decades. It also represents a personal mandate for Mrs Aquino, whose authority has been challenged in recent weeks more seriously — from both left and right — than at any time since she came to power.

By winning the plebiscite so convincingly, Mrs Aquino has eliminated one of her main areas of vulnerability. Before the constitution was approved, she was open to accusations that her claim to rule was no better than that of Ferdinand Marcos. With more than 65 per cent of voters (from a turnout of more than 85 per cent) approving the constitution, which — among other things — gives Mrs Aquino power for the next five years, this particular charge will be hard to support.

Having effectively regularized her constitutional position, President Aquino now has the opportunity to turn her attention to other pressing domestic issues. Only if she uses her mandate with determination and resolve, however, will she be able to lead the Philippines through a second year of "people's power".

Hitherto, President Aquino has appeared to waver in the treatment of her opponents. But the issue is no longer one of national unity; it is loyalty to a constitutional leader, and the time has come for the President to punish those who threaten her legitimate position, as any elected leader must must. The arrests of senior officers suspected of involvement in last week's coup attempt are a step in the right direction.

The Communists — the National Democratic Front — and the Muslim secessionist groups must also be dealt with. It would, however, be unwise to send the army into the jungle and the slums in the expectation of a military solution. Only a renewed programme of land reform will alleviate the abject poverty of the countryside, and only the alleviation of rural poverty will reduce the ranks of potential recruits to rebel groups, communist or Muslim.

The farmers' march to Manila showed that the farmers had retained their faith in Mrs Aquino's good intentions. Its tragic denouement on the Mendiola bridge — scene of so many anti-Marcos demonstrations — means, however, that their faith will be shortlived unless serious steps are taken to break the hold of the large landowners. Mrs Aquino's own landed wealth and connections make this a personal as well as a political test.

The government will also need to devote attention to the economy, which is not — despite the recent political disruption — necessarily the hopeless case it is often thought to be. There was a current account surplus of $594 million in the first half of 1986, and the government prediction of 6.5% growth for 1987 is a sign of the long-awaited expansion of gnp after two-and-a-half years of negative growth.

The Finance Minister, Jaime Ongpin, has been trying to restructure his country's $26-billion debt; to date the financial institutions have been less than helpful. It is in their interests to take a more realistic view of what the country can pay, though Mr Ongpin will need to proceed cautiously. Threats to default, when the country's political situation is still far from stable and former President Marcos waits in the wings, might prove counterproductive.

The new constitution will pave the way for multi-party elections in May to a newly revived two-chamber Congress, and for local and provincial elections in August. Both in their conduct and in their results, these elections will provide an early indication of how Mrs Aquino is faring now she has a constitutional mandate. More important, perhaps, they will show the progress of democracy in the Philippines.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aids and cancer funds equation

From Mr Albert Singer

Sir, Your Wednesday Page correspondent (January 21) gave many reasons justifying the Government's substantive input of funds for Aids publicity in comparison to that given to cervical cancer and other "less fashionable diseases". She argued that it was proper "to have Government money spent on those health areas where one's personal failure can hurt others". The problem is that every one of her reasons could be applied to cervical cancer.

We are facing an epidemic rise in cervical pre-cancer and cancer which shows no signs of abating. This being so, many of us find it difficult to understand Government priorities in respect of Aids and cervical cancer. The former is incurable, the latter is curable, being the only cancer that can be prevented by the easy destruction of its pre-cancerous stages. Aids has killed 300 persons so far, yet 2,000 women this year alone will die needlessly of cervical cancer.

Although each cervical cancer death is a tragedy, especially with so many young women now contracting the disease, it is the anguish of the living that concerns us. In this district general hospital clinic we have about 700 women with abnormal smears waiting for a first clinic appointment, sometimes eight to nine months hence. A further 600 already diagnosed with pre-cancer are awaiting treatment. Every day, between 60 and 85 telephone calls are received in this unit from anxious, distressed and disillusioned women.

We who run the services are powerless to act. In Islington, a deprived inner-city district, we have many worthy claims from other services for our limited and truncated funds. It is only central government who can help. Indeed, the recently announced two-year waiting list handout is a short-term expedient; how can it work if the epidemic, as still seems likely, is still running at full steam in 1989?

Certainly, one has to commend the Government on its publicity for Aids. One has compassion for those with the disease. However, many of us feel that the emphasis on the heterosexual spread and risks with Aids is probably excessive, especially as only seven women have died of Aids from proven heterosexual contact and many experts are unsure as to the true risk of heterosexual sex.

Should not a review now take place in respect of the priorities of both these sexually transmitted diseases? Certainly the realities of what diseases are curable and incurable should be considered.

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Too many doctors

From the Executive Secretary of the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences

Sir, In a great many countries today trained physicians are emerging fully fledged from the medical schools only to go straight into the ranks of the unemployed. Italy, for instance, estimates that it already has 45,000 unemployed doctors, Spain 23,000 and India 40,000. The United States forecasts 70,000 jobless physicians in 1990 and 150,000 by the year 2000.

Many factors contribute to this imbalance of production over needs, including chronic cutbacks in spending on the health sector but also a lack of control or planning of health manpower on the part of governments. Nurses and dentists, too, are finding that there are no jobs to match their qualifications.

The scale of this problem and some ways of tackling it (reduced intake of medical students, even the closure of some medical schools, perhaps enforced retirement age for ageing doctors) came under discussion at a recent conference in Acapulco, Mexico, sponsored by CIOMS (The Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

In addition, the executive board of WHO has just passed a resolution urging the organization's member states to look out for and correct serious imbalances in their policies of training physicians and others.

Certainly if drastic action is not taken very soon, the spectacle of highly skilled and jobless young doctors taking to the streets to protest the frustration of their high aspirations is going to be even more commonplace in our cities than banner-carrying students.

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From the inside

From Mr A. Doll-Steinberg

Sir, The reason that insider trading was until recently regarded benevolently, or at worst as a victimless crime — at least in this country and for reasons such as those described in the article today (January 20) by Dr Sealy — is that so long as the Stock Exchange operated on the jobber system, whereby the jobber always tried to keep his book more or less in balance by constantly adjusting his price and his spread to the extent necessary to do so, the only loss suffered by anyone as a result of insider activity was one of missed profits.

Since October, 1986, however, with the replacement of the jobber by the market-maker, this has become far from the case. The market-maker operates by taking a position in a stock. In particular he will go short to meet a sudden demand stemming, for example, from a takeover rumour, anticipating that he will be able to cover himself at a lower price on the next unfavourable rumour. If he is unable to do this because the stock moves sharply and permanently against him as the result of a real takeover taking the place of the rumour he may have an unsporting tendency to cry "foul".

In the US, where the stock exchanges have always operated on the market-maker system, there has never been any suggestion that insider trading was a victimless crime to be viewed benevolently and the SEC (Securities Exchange Commission) has for a long time mercilessly pursued those insiders who broke the law. Equally, however, there has never been any suggestion there that this was being done to protect the small investor.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Peter Bishop

Sir, The advantage of self-regulation is that it is flexible and can close loopholes retrospectively. The other side of the coin is that nowadays for the honest majority, when speed is vital, you never know where you are. The time-honoured practice of "deal first, argue later" becomes impossible. Self-regulation has become a nuisance.

Morality is a moving target, however. Directors, the perfect insiders, may quite legally deal in the shares of their own company for (normally) eight months out of 12. If they were more successful at it, there would be an outcry that it was immoral.

Twenty years ago, as a normal commercial risk, jobbers were permitted to go short of stock in a takeover situation. This has been stopped, primarily because it was regarded as immoral. On the other hand, in 20 years asset-stripping has virtually completed the full circle back to respectability.

Like Socrates, I am sceptical of morality which has its shallow roots in Throgmorton Street or Whitehall. The law, for all its rigidities, is the right custodian.

Yours etc,
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Phones dispute

From Mrs M. McMullen

Sir, In today's *Times* (January 29) I see that, as from the end of 1988, my husband will be able to phone me directly from his aeroplane seat.

I will be delighted to receive his calls, but I would be more pleased to be able to phone my widowed mother, who lives alone many miles from her nearest relative and whose telephone has been out of order since January 12.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr J. Burton-Stewart

Sir, British Telecom management are ill-informed when they claim the present industrial dispute is not affecting services if, for no other reason, because the faults operators have been replaced by a recorded message advising the stricken subscriber that while the dispute lasts they cannot do anything to remedy the problem.

It is in circumstances such as these that one cannot but help questioning the principle of privatisation. Albeit that as a genuflexion toward the removal of Telecom's monopoly, subscribers are no longer obliged to purchase BT systems, it does seem they still maintain a stranglehold upon the behind-the-scenes apparatus by which all systems, both competitive and of their own marque, depend.

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Soviet musician

From Mr Danny Smith

Sir, Valeri Barinov is a Russian Christian rock musician whose devout religious faith has brought him into conflict with the Soviet authorities and who has served a 2½ year sentence in a Soviet labour camp. At his trial, in 1984, he declared to the court: "My crime is that I'm a Christian".

Barinov has now been reunited with his family in Leningrad, but he is facing a conflict of conscience; our constant fear is that he will be imprisoned again for his Christian activity. He has appealed to Mikhail Gorbachov by saying, "Let me preach the Gospel through my music or let me go". This trumpet call must be heard.

Yours sincerely,
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Art acceptance in lieu of tax

From the Chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund and others

Sir, Sir Denis Mahon (January 26) draws attention to the new role of the Museums and Galleries Commission in administering the arrangements for accepting a work of art in lieu of inheritance tax and stresses the need for these to be effective.

Lord Gowrie's achievement during 1985 in increasing the upper limit available for acceptances in lieu was very important. Nevertheless, serious obstacles remain in the way of an owner who is considering offering a work of art in lieu rather than selling it on the open market (most probably to an overseas buyer) as a means of funding his tax bill.

Negotiating an acceptance in lieu is a protracted business as difficult and specialised questions, both of quality and of value, have to be agreed. Under the present arrangements the offeror has to pay interest on the outstanding tax, currently at a rate of 8 per cent while negotiations take place. Small wonder that some withdraw their offer after a while and others decide not to make one in the first place. A period free of interest for *bona-fide* offers is badly needed if the system is to flourish as it should.

The other change needed is to divide the benefit of the tax exemption on an accepted work of art 50-50 between the offeror and the State. At present the offeror gets only 25 per cent, which is inadequate. In 1981 the Education, Science and Arts Committee of the House of Commons recommended that it should be increased to 75 per cent. We do not go so far, but do recommend that it should be set at 50 per cent.

The Chancellor is no doubt being urged to look favourably on a number of major and costly schemes. May we through your columns ask him to find time to consider the modest but important proposals outlined above?

Yours faithfully,
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Controlling avarice

From the Chief Executive of Korn/Ferry International Limited

Sir, Trends in top salary levels must be seen in the context of major changes in British boardrooms. Not so long ago the typical director was a complacent, amateurish, decent old chap whose ambition was to retire to the country — unless he already had. Now our captains of industry and their lieutenants are aggressive, restless, greedy, urban technocrats, working and playing hard.

The decent old chaps really weren't primarily interested in making money and so they didn't — neither for themselves nor for anyone else. Great Britain Ltd's decline into poverty was as inevitable as GB plc's recovery from it.

The arrivistes *are* interested in money — to the point of obsession. Pay them one hundred thousand and they'll want two; let them make a million and they'll strive for ten. That's the way they are — and that's the way we want them.

The question only remains how to control this healthy but boundless avarice. One simple answer could be by legislating that directors should have only annual service contracts and that remuneration be voted on by shareholders at the AGM. The board would spell out each individual director's proposed base salary, bonus plan, pension funding, number of cars, number of chauffeurs, stock options — the whole package — then investors could agree or amend in public meeting.

Give the owners of the business the only power that counts and match big rewards with big risks.

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31 St James's Square, SW1.
January 27.

Multiplying magpies

From Mr G. W. Stone

Sir, The Common Birds Census, run continuously by the British Trust for Ornithology since 1962, monitors breeding bird populations on sample plots throughout the United Kingdom, chiefly on farmland and woodland.

Over the past few years the census results have indeed shown a small and maintained increase in corvid numbers, including the magpie. Some smaller birds — especially seed-eaters — have significantly declined, but many factors are known to affect bird population trends.

Mr Bromley (January 26) may care to ponder that natural predation rarely threatens the survival of a prey species; if it did the predator would be tearing up his own meal ticket!

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY STONE,
5 Leighton Green,
Westbury, Wiltshire.
January 27.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 3 1922

Sir Ernest Shackleton, CVO, OBE (1874-1922) died on January 5 and was buried at the whaling station, Grytviken, in South Georgia. He was leading a new Antarctic expedition largely financed by John Rowett. His memorial service, held on March 2 in St Paul's Cathedral, was attended by the King and Queen

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SHACKLETON'S LAST VOYAGE.

THE QUEST'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

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(FROM CAPTAIN HUSSEY, METEOROLOGIST TO THE SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.)

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 1.

We left Rio on December 19. Until the 23rd we had fine weather. Then the barometer fell nearly 2in. in four hours. The wind and sea increased to a howling gale.

All sail was quickly taken in. Shackleton was on the bridge all night, in spite of urgent requests from Wild to take his place. It was impossible to light the galley fire. Great seas were sweeping the decks, and everything not securely lashed was washed overboard. On the 24th the storm grew much worse. Great waves more than 40ft high threatened to swamp the ship... Everybody was soaked to the skin, and we had no dry clothes for nearly two days.

In the middle of the storm on the 24th the engine trouble became much worse. We stopped the engines and turned our head to the storm. We filled gunny-bags with oil and trailed either side of the forecastle head. The effect was good, and the waves considerably lessened, but the decks were still awash, and the Quest was rolling nearly 50deg...

WORN OUT BY ANXIETY.

Shackleton had no rest or sleep for two days. Worn out by anxiety he went to the cabin. Kerr made the discovery that the water was running short. He informed Wild, who waited till Shackleton woke before he broke the news to the leader.

Shackleton, undismayed, took steps to conserve the remaining water. There was enough to provide half a pint a man a day, but none for washing ourselves or washing clothes. This must have increased Shackleton's anxiety but he did not show it.

The storm abated considerably on the 25th, but still there was a heavy sea. Shackleton decided to have our Christmas dinner after we arrived at South Georgia. The storm was much easier by the 29th, when with a fine, fair wind, we made good progress to South Georgia.

On arrival at South Georgia Shackleton went ashore, and arranged with the manager at Grytviken and his friends to celebrate Christmas in the Quest on January 5. Christmas parcels were opened on January 4. Rowett's turkeys were prepared, puddings ready, and all preparations made. At 5 a.m. I wakened the cook and his mate and told them not to have the Christmas dinner to-day as the "Boss" was seriously ill.

Wild was terribly upset when Macklin broke the news to him. He was asleep and Macklin wakened him, and said: "Frank, I have terrible news for you."

Wild replied, "Fire away."

Macklin said, "The 'Boss' is dead."

Wild was overcome and unable to reply, because he was Shackleton's best friend, and the blow was terrible. After a few minutes of silence Wild said in a broken voice, "Poor old 'Boss', but we must carry on the expedition. He would have wished it."

At 8 a.m. Wild ordered all hands to assemble on the poop. A sense of something terrible impending was in the air. A cold drizzle was falling. Nobody except those who attended Shackleton at his last moments was aware of the calamity. Wild asked if all hands were present. Then he said; "Boys, I have terrible news for you. Sir Ernest Shackleton died at 3.30 this morning of heart failure. The expedition will go on." His voice broke, and he could say no more. He turned away. All hands were stunned, but the work was carried on...

Shackleton's departure from the ship and the crew he loved so well was as simple as he would have wished... All hands were standing bare-headed in the heavy rain, almost unable to realize that they would never see their leader again.

The motor-boat pushed off and Shackleton left the Quest for the last time... The loss of his great personality was terribly apparent in the Quest, but all look towards Wild with great confidence and are willing to follow him to the end...

In dog's clothing

From Mr A. C. R. Elliott

Sir, Your readers may not be aware of the psychological pressures placed on a *sanglier* (wild pig) which finds itself acting as a sheepdog (photograph, January 29). We hope that Mr Clive Watters will understand when his "*sanglier* sheepdog", whether or not in the middle of a sheepdog trial, finds that the attractions of a glutinously muddy puddle outweigh a sense of duty.

We witnessed such a conflict of conscience in Provence when the local "*sanglier* sheepdog" ran at us "barking" but felt compelled to stop and roll in a beguiling puddle before attempting to nip our heels, until called off by the shepherdess.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. R. ELLIOTT,
White Gates,
12 Icklingham Road,
Cobham, Surrey.
January 29.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 2: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Centre for Industrial Studies at The King's School, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

The Hon Rupert Fairfax was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
January 31: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, left Heathrow Airport, London today for Indonesia and Thailand.

His Royal Highness was received upon arrival at the airport by His Excellency Mr S. Suhartoyo (Ambassador for Indonesia), His Excellency Mr Sudhee Prasasvinitchai (Ambassador for Thailand), Mr W.J. Hall (representing the Secretary of State of Trade and Industry), Mr David Hyde (Deputy Director of Marketing, British Airways) and Mr Robin Baxendale (Manager, Special Facilities, Heathrow Airport Limited).

Sir Richard Buckley is in attendance.

Royal engagements

The Duchess of York, Patron of the National Association of Flower Arrangements Society, attends the society's "World Association Flower Arrangers' Competition *Preview* Party" at the Porchester Hall, Queensway, at 7.30.

Princess Michael of Kent visits the Nordoff-Robins Music Therapy Centre, Leighton Place, NW5, 10.15.

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend a meeting *of the International Trustees* of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, at Buckingham Palace on February 10.

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, will attend a dinner to mark the centenary of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs at Guildhall on February 25.

The Prince of Wales will attend a reception given by the London Glamorgan Society on behalf of the Welsh Association of Youth Clubs at St James's Palace on March 3.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Felix Mendelssohn, composer, Hamburg, 1809; Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor, Bristol, 1821; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, prime minister 1885-86, 1887-92, 1895-1902, Hat*field* House, *Hertfordshire*, 1830; Gertrude Stein, poet, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, 1874.

DEATHS: George Crabbe, poet, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, 1832; Sir Morell Mackenzie, physician, London, 1892; Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States 1913-21, Washington, 1924; Oliver Heaviside, physicist, London, 1925; Boris Karloff, actor, Midhurst, Sussex, 1969.

Luncheons

International Council of Christians and Jews
Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Christians and Jews, held a luncheon yesterday at Hillel House, 1-2 Endsleigh Street, WC1, for religious correspondents.

Coal Industry Society
Mr D. Prendergast, Financial Secretary of the Union of Democratic Mine Workers, was the principal speaker at a luncheon of the Coal Industry Society held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr Stephen Brewis, chairman, presided and Mr A.W. Ramsay also spoke.

HM Government
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Michael Graham, was present at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at the Mansion House yesterday in honour of the City members of the Export Credits Guarantee Department's Advisory Coun*cil. Mr Paul Channon*, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was the host.

Dinners

Overseas Bankers' Club
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was present at the annual dinner of the Overseas Bankers' Club held last night at Guildhall. Sir Donald Barron, president, presided and Mr E. Gerald Corrigan and Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, also spoke.

Anglo-Polish City Luncheon Club
The annual dinner was held at the Polish Hearth, Kensington, on Saturday, January 24, and was hosted by the chairman of the Anglo-Polish City Luncheon Club, Mr Jerzy Scibor-Kamiński. The guest speaker was Mr Christopher Cviić, of *The Economist*.

Sir Victor Goddard

A memorial service for Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard will take place at St Clement Danes, Strand, London, at noon, on Friday, February 6. Sir George Trevelyan will give an address.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.M. Beagley and Miss K.J. Crole
The marriage has been arranged and will take place in London, on July 25, between Robert, second son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Beagley, of Melbourne, Australia, and Kitty, elder daughter of Mr R.L. Crole, of Edinburgh, and Mrs J.D. Britton, of 30 Great College Street, SW1.

Mr T.W.S. Blake and Miss K.M. Minton
The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.N.S. Blake, of Hadlow, Kent, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Minton, of Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.M. Collard and Mrs B.A. Van Gelder
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr John Collard, of Denver, United States, and Mrs Muriel Marsh, of Piltdown, East Sussex, and Beverley, daughter of Mr Rex Clint and Mrs Elsie Clint, of Cheshire.

Mr J.R. Fletcher and Miss S.A. Mercer
The engagement is announced between Russell, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Fletcher, of Loughborough, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Mercer, of Lilley, Hertfordshire.

Mr J. Fifield and Miss A. Skinner
The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Fifield, of Heron Bridge, Richmond, North Yorkshire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Skinner, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.G. Harrison and Miss L.R. Jones
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr J.M. Harrison and Mrs C.E. Harrison, of Sutton Coldfield, and Lindsey, daughter of Mr F.E. Jones, of Lovelace Hill, Solihull, and Mrs J.E. Jones, of Sutton Coldfield.

Mr P.A. Leefe and Miss T.L. Hale
The engagement is announced between Peter Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Eric W. Leefe, of Acomb, York, and Trudy Lynne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John V. Hale, of South Norwood, London, SE25.

Mr K.J. Manley and Miss L.C.C. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Manley, of Bramley, Leeds, and Louise, daughter of Dr John and Dr Shelia Hamilton, of Adel, Leeds.

Mr A.J. McWhirter and Miss L.C. Fong
The engagement is announced between Alexander, only son of Mrs G.M. McWhirter and the late Mr W.A.J. McWhirter, of London, and Lai Chun, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs K.L. Fong, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr I.H. Wilbraham and Miss S.E. Evans
The engagement is announced between Ian Hugh, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Wilbraham, of The Gage, Little Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Shelby Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Evans, of Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Mr D. Williams and Miss A.M. Tytherleigh
The engagement is announced between Dirk, son of Mr Keith Williams, of Ingatestone, Essex, and of Mrs Lisa Williams, of Billericay, Essex, and Alison Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Tytherleigh, of Ingatestone, Essex.

Princess Anne, casually dressed in head scarf and jeans, preparing to board a boat at Freemantle, Australia, yesterday to watch the America's Cup race. Report, page 37.

Sir Geoffrey Todd

A thanksgiving service for the life of Sir Geoffrey Todd will be held in the Chapel of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, at 12.15 pm on Friday, March 6, 1987. All former friends, colleagues and patients are welcome and those wishing to attend are asked to apply for tickets by contacting Mr W.H. Mitchell, Administrative Secretary, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 0BL. (Telephone 073 081 2341).

Nature reserve saved

A flood bank has been built round an internationally important wetland nature reserve in the Fens to stop the area drying out.

Wicken Fen, near Ely in Cambridgeshire, is one of the oldest nature reserves in Britain. But the unique species of plants and insects which inhabit it were at risk because of the lack of water.

Now a bank has been built to maintain the water table in the National Trust reserve. *The head warden of Wicken* Fen, Mr Timothy Bennett, said that building the bank was vital to save the reserve.

"The land surrounding Wicken Fen has been developed and drained for farming. The farmland became lower than the fen, so the water was drawn out of the reserve on to the farmland."

Organisations including the Nature Conservancy Council, the National Farmers' Union, the Ministry of Agriculture and the World Wildlife Fund joined forces to build the dam.

Latest wills

Large bequest for cancer research

Mrs Barbara Burns, of Kensington, left estate valued at £3,236,317 net. She left bequests of effects and the residue of her estate to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

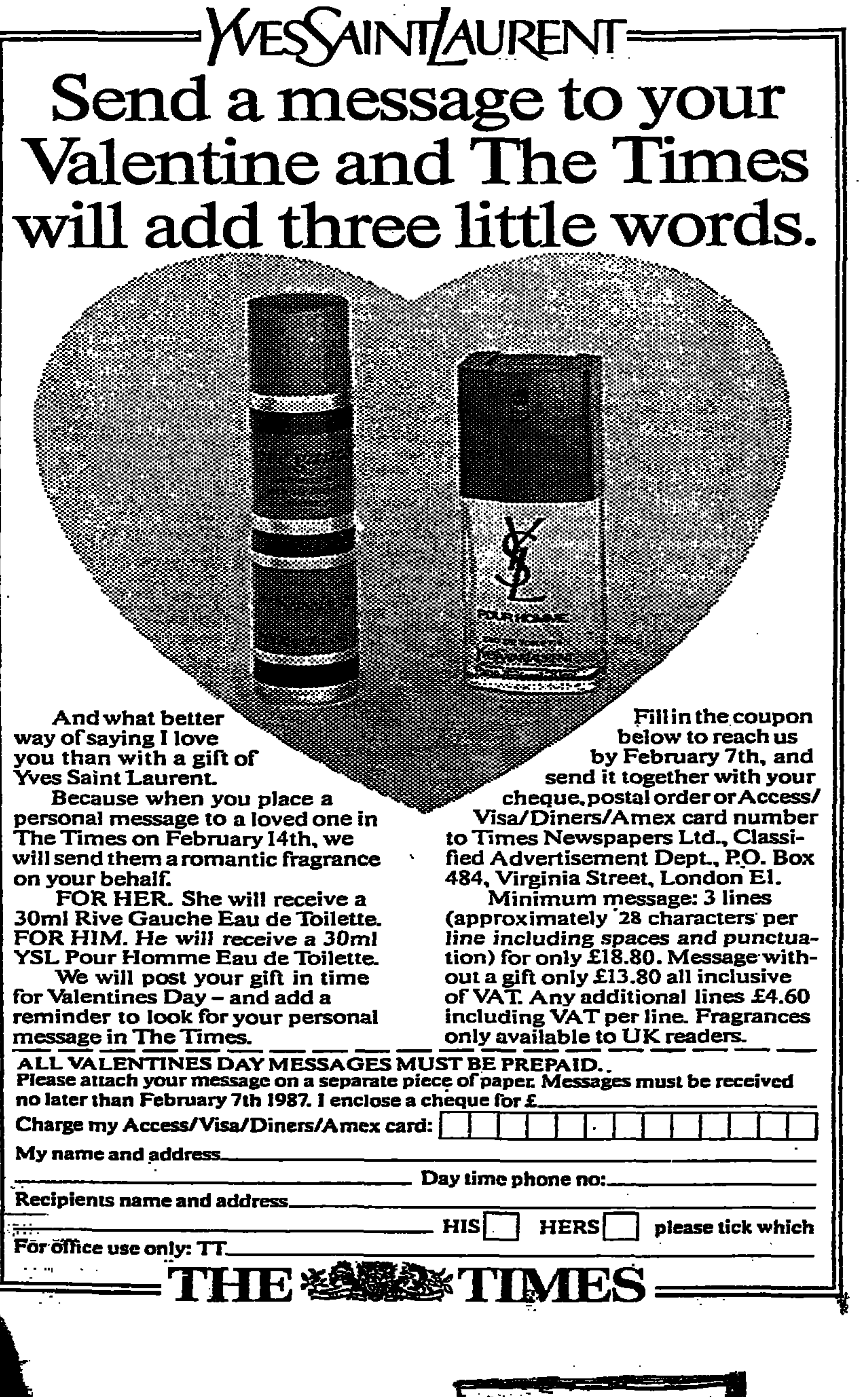
Colonel James Richard Sancroft Grimwood-Taylor, of Derby, solicitor and Deputy Lieutenant for Derbyshire, left estate valued at £161,205 net.

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Alment, 65; the Earl of Antrim, 52; Mr Val Doonican, 58; Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, 76; Sir Edgar Keatinge, 82; Sir Hugh Linstead, 86; Brigadier the Hon Dame Mary Pihl, 71; Professor Sir Alexander Robertson, 79; Lord Sherfield, 83; Mr Glen Tetley, 61; Mr Frankie Vaughan, 59; Mr A.J. Watson, 46.

Appointments

Mrs Margaret Spurr, Headmistress of *Bolton School (Girls'* Division) to be Chairman of the Independent Schools Information Service committee. She succeeds Mrs Anne Mustoe, retiring headmistress of St Felix School, Southwold.



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THE TIMES

OBITUARY

MR ALISTAIR MACLEAN

Yarn-spinner for the millions

Mr Alistair Maclean, novelist, died yesterday in Munich. He was 64.

He was fond of denigrating his own work, insisting that he was a storyteller, not a novelist. He most detested being called a "thriller writer".

His output was prolific if repetitious. He wrote to a formula which appealed to a popular readership. The most enjoyable part of the exercise for Maclean was the research and the development of the plot. "I know the day I start to satisfy readers of *The Times*, I'm finished".

His name will forever be synonymous with *The Guns of Navarone* and *Where Eagles Dare*, both best-sellers which were made into equally successful films. But his vast wealth lay uncomfortably on his conscience, and he lived, if not frugally, then simply.

Alistair Stuart Maclean was born on April 28, 1922, at Daviot, near Inverness, the third son of a Gaelic-speaking Calvinist clergyman. He grew up on the family farm and, until the age of eight, spoke only Gaelic at home, at his father's insistence.

As a boy he read Scott, Buchan and Trollope because he was made to. In later life, the Gaelic made him obsessed with the correct usage and structure of the English language.

In 1941 he joined the Navy, and served as a torpedo man below deck on the Murmansk convoys. He was in the Navy for three years altogether, but his disrespect for the service was pronounced from the first.

After the war he got the chance to go to Glasgow University, where he read English literature - "because I could do that without getting my hands dirty". All the same, he had to keep himself by working in a post office and sweeping the streets.

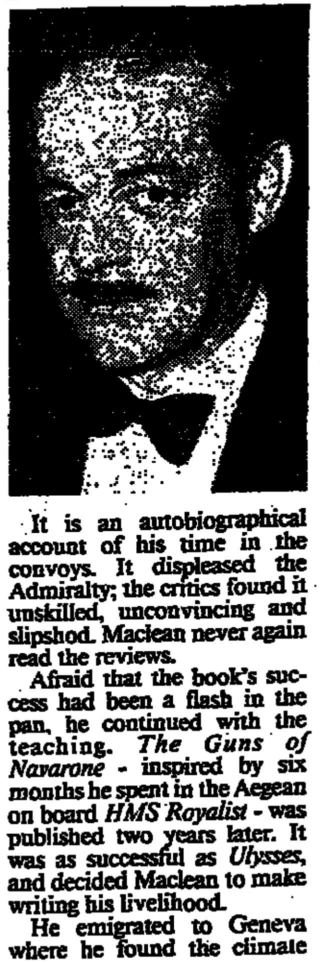
He took an honours degree and became an English teacher at Gallowflat Secondary School, near Glasgow. He found little satisfaction in that, either.

He entered a short story competition in the *Glasgow Herald* - for the money, he said. It was a sad and evocative tale about a fishing family in the West Highlands. It won the £100 first prize.

Mr Ian Chapman, then a young editor working in the Bible department at Collins' Scottish office, noticed his wife crying as she read it. Chapman read it himself, liked it, and set off in search of the author, whom he tracked down to a furnished flat on the other side of the city.

All that winter he urged Maclean to tackle a full-length novel, but Maclean was busy on another money-making venture: organizing tourist boats to the Arran Islands.

Chapman's efforts were, however, rewarded with *HMS Ulysses*. It was published in September 1955; by Christmas it had sold 250,000 copies. "I had a go", Maclean later recalled, "and the go went". It remained his favourite book.



It is an autobiographical account of his time in the convoys. It displeased the Admiralty; the critics found it unskilled, unconvincing and slipshod. Maclean never again read the reviews.

Afraid that the book's success had been a flash in the pan, he continued with the teaching. *The Guns of Navarone* - inspired by six months he spent in the Aegean on board *HMS Royalist* - was published two years later. It was as successful as *Ulysses*, and decided Maclean to make writing his livelihood.

He emigrated to Geneva where he found the climate and the tax system more agreeable. There he wrote *South by Java Head* (1958) - an adventurous chronicle of the escape of a mixed group of people from Singapore.

William Collins felt that it was not up to standard, and despatched Chapman to *persuade* the author to put it aside. When Chapman arrived in Geneva, however, he received a cable from Collins informing him that the film rights had, in the meantime, already been sold on the strength of the proofs. No more was said.

The film appeared in 1959, along with *The Guns of Navarone*. The latter, produced by Carl Forman, who was responsible for the brilliant drama and characterization of *High Noon*, is now an annual television event.

Thereafter, the novels came off the typewriter at the rate of almost one a year, among them *The Last Frontier*, *Night Without End*, *Fear is the Key*, *Ice Station Zebra*, *Where Eagles Dare* and *Force 10 from Navarone*.

The plots - adventure mixed according to the modern, fast-moving thriller formula - lent themselves to the big screen. Most were subsequently filmed, among them some notable successes.

The critics consistently found fault; but an obedient public did not, and Maclean's books sold by the million.

In 1961 - when he was out of harmony with Collins - he wrote two books under the pseudonym Ian Stuart. Without the name Maclean on the dustcovers, however, *The Dark Crusader* and *The Satan Bug* enjoyed only ordinary sales.

In 1963 a disillusioned Maclean gave up writing and returned to England. He bought Jamaica Inn on Bodmin Moor and three hotels, and set himself up as a businessman. After three years, though, he discovered that running hotels was "a most undemanding pastime". He returned to his typewriter in Geneva.

An American film producer asked him to write a script for *Where Eagles Dare*. His later novels to an increasing extent read like screenplays.

During the 1970s he dabbled *for a time as a film* producer - "inveigled into it", he said. Satisfaction and genuine happiness were still eluding him, and he found none in the film industry. He quickly became disenchanted with what he saw as time-wasting and actors sitting around all day apparently doing nothing.

His output continued unabated, but many of his later novels are instantly forgettable: thin and unconvincing. In a change of direction he turned to poetry in the uninspiring *From the Wilderness* (1973).

Maclean was a man in search of a "cause". One which he found was cancer, and for the British Cancer Council he wrote (all but the last chapter) *A Layman Looks at Cancer*. To the council's distress, though, he concluded that euthanasia is justified "when people are grey and just vegetables".

Another worthy cause was the preservation of wildlife, on which he wrote at the suggestion of Prince Bernhardt.

His only work of non-fiction is *Captain Cook* (1972), a brief, sober account of the great navigator, explorer and cartographer. Sir Peter Scott also approached him to write an offical biogra*phy of his* father, Captain Scott of the Antarctic.

Maclean kept his own company and encouraged few friendships. He remained shy and modest, and the phenomenal wealth which his books brought did not, at the same time, bring enduring contentment.

It was the Calvinist in him which kept his novels free from sex; besides, "it holds up the action". He admired Chandler, but knew that he was not in that mould.

In later years his favourite reading was scientific journals, particularly those on astronomy and physics. He had originally wanted to be a doctor.

He found it difficult to *settle, and travelled* extensively in his last years in search of a place to call home. He seldom returned to Scotland, but, when he did, it was always "to carry a coffin". His strong accent, not always easy to follow, never left him.

His first wife survives him with their three sons. His second wife, Marcelle Georgeus, predeceased him.

DAME MABEL TYLECOTE

Dame Mabel Tylecote, DBE, who died on January 31 at the age of 90, was an outstanding personality whose life and work were devoted to social reform.

Born Mabel Phythian on February 4, 1896, daughter of a Manchester city councillor who was also an university extension teacher and a lay preacher, she was educated at Manchester University, where she gained a PhD, and at the University of Wisconsin.

In the early 1920s she was a history lecturer at Huddersfield Technical College, hav*ing made* equal pay a condition of her appointment.

From 1930 to 1932 she was warden of the Elvington Settlement, a community centre in the Kent coalfield; and from 1935 to 1951 she was a part-time lecturer for the Workers' Educational Association, of which she later became a vice-president.

In 1940 she was elected a Labour member of Manchester City Council, on which she served until 1951. From then until 1977 she was a co-opted member of the Manchester education committee, while for a time (1956-63) also serving on Stockport Borough Council.

She stood as a Labour candidate for Parliament on five occasions between 1938 and 1955: once for Fylde, once for Middleton and Prestwich, and three times for Norwich South. But she was never won a seat in the House of Commons.

Instead she worked tirelessly in education and local government. In addition to the tasks already mentioned, she was at various times a governor of Manchester Polytechnic, a vice-president of the Manchester and Salford council of social service, chairman of the National Institute of Adult Education, and president of the National Federation of Community Associations. In 1978 she was made an Hon LLD of Manchester.

She published works on the education of women at Manchester University and on the Mechanics' Institutes of Lancashire and Yorkshire, as well as numerous articles and addresses.

She married, in 1932, Frank Edward Tylecote, who did not share her political *opinions*. He died in 1965, but she is survived by their son and by a stepson and a stepdaughter.

ALESSANDRO BLASETTI

Alessandro Blasetti, *Italian* film director, who made his name with a series of historical light comedies in the 1930s and 1940s, died on February 2. He was 86.

Born in Rome, he studied law and was a film critic and journalist. He then founded a co-operative to make his first film, *Sun*, in 1929.

He rose to prominence with his 1934 movie *1860*, an account of Garibaldi's conquest of Sicily seen through the eyes of two peasants.

Blasetti was a leading figure in *Italian* cinema throughout the Fascist era, though in 1934 his *Vecchia Guardia* (Old Guard) put him at odds with Mussolini's régime.

During the Second World War he made the historical epics *La Corona di Ferro* (The Iron Crown), and *Quattro Passi fra le Nuvole* (Four Steps in the Clouds), the story of a travelling salesman who becomes involved with a young mother.

The latter was scripted by Zavattini and anticipated the post-war school of neo-realism. Blasetti, however, took no part in that movement, concentrating on historical spectacles and comedies.

Cranwell graduation

Air Vice-Marshal D.C.G. Brook, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, was the reviewing officer when 120 Officers of No 98 initial officer training course and 17 Officers of No 215 specialist entrant and re-entrant course graduated from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on January 29. The Flying Training School, Cranwell provided the flypast.

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Security Branch (Provost)
Flying Officer J S Johnstone.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

For my mouth shall speak truth: and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. Proverbs 8: 7

BIRTHS

BERNIE - On January 24th 1987, to Shani (née Maple) and Peter, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Kate.

BURGESS - On January 31st 1987, at The City Hospital, Nottingham, to Janet (née Fennell) and Hugh, a daughter, Rosemary Anne Yonge.

CHADAWAY - On January 26th, at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, To Judi and Martyn, a daughter Charlotte Victoria.

CLARK - On January 31st, to Jenny (née Hanley) and Herby, a son Daniel Francis, a brother for Tobias.

COLE - On Saturday January 30th 1987, to Mary-Rose (Née Peddie) and Adrian, a daughter.

COLLINS - On January 26th, to Nicky and Mark, a son, Ruaraidh.

COXHEAD - On January 22nd, to Katy (née Ash) and Francis, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose.

DONATI - On February 1st, at West London Hospital, to Patricia (née Watson) and Marcus, a son, and a brother for Edward.

GAMON - On January 28th 1987, to Michèle (née Arthur) and Charles, a son William Frederick Charles, a brother for Louisa.

HERRIES - On February 1st 1987, in Paris, to Maggie (née Fothergill) and Robert, a son, Archie, a brother for Flora.

JOHNSTON - On February 2nd 1987, at St Paul's Hospital, Cheltenham, to Fiona and Ken, a daughter Sophie Victoria, a sister for Natalie.

LING - On February 1st, in Jersey, to Vivien (née Wallace) and Peter, a son, Graham Nicholas, a brother for Victoria.

MUMFORD - On January 31st, in Anaheim, California, to Eleanor (née Weir-Breen) and John, a son, (Marcus Oliver Johnstone), a brother for James.

PACKER - On January 30th 1987 at Minneapolis, to Anne (née Pusey) and Craig, a son.

ROWLAND JONES - On February 1st 1987, at St George's Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand, to Belinda wife of Simon, a son.

SARGISON - On January 31st 1987, in Portugal, to Jeanette (née Popina) and David, a daughter Lucy Victoria.

SCARISBRICK - On January 23rd, to Livinia (née Dunkeld) and Peter, a daughter, Katherine Anne.

SGUERA - On January 25th, in the S. Antonino Hospital, Fiesole, Italy, to Anne (née Reid) and Vincenzo, a daughter, Veronica.

STONEHAM - On January 31st, at the Wellington Hospital, to Caroline and Colin, a son James Edward Russell, a brother to Mark, Dominic and Charlotte.

VAN REIGERSBERG VERSLUYS - On January 26th, to Suzanne and Roderick, a son Edward Alexander Mello.

WICKS - On January 31st, at Northallerton, to Jo (née Smyth) and Alastair, a son, Edward James Ogilvie.

WILLIAMS - On January 31st, at Parkside Hospital, to Carol and Robert, a son Matthew John, a brother for Nicholas.

MARRIAGES

LEIGH:SMALLBONE - On January 31st at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Richard Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs L.A. Leigh of Aberdovey to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr *and Mrs P.J. Smallbone formerly of* Basingstoke.

DEATHS

ALCOCK - On January 28th 1987, suddenly but peacefully at his home Antony Ronald, beloved husband of Jean and father of Charlotte and Rupert. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St. John the Baptist Church, Beckford near Tewkesbury Glos, on Thursday February 5th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if desired to Mental Health Foundation. c/o W E Williams Funeral Directors, 30, Swan Lane, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 4PD

CHRISTOPHER - On February 1st 1987 of Willaston, South Wirral, Josephine (née Price in Brisbane, Australia) aged 55 years, dearly loved wife of David and devoted mother of Jacqueline, Adam, Seth and Benjamin. Requim Mass at St Winifred's Church, Neston on Wednesday February 4th at 10.15 am.

COWAN - On January 31st 1987, at Genova 1961, Hurlingham 1686, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Joyce Mary, loved wife of Colin and loving mother of Stephanie, Katherine and James.

DEVENISH - On January 31st, peacefully after a short illness, Douglas Norman, dearly loved and sadly missed by his wife Helen, children and grandchildren. Service and cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Middlesex, on Friday February 6th at 11.45am. Family flowers only, donations please to Sue Ryder, Manorlands, Oxenhope, Keighley, West Yorkshire. Enquiries to Jack S Bailey, Funeral Director, Park Road, Bingley. Tel: Bradford 563415.

DOUGLAS - On January 30th, William Hartley aged 78 years. Meteorologist, of Banstead, Surrey. Dearly loved by his wife Gwen and his sons Peter and Martin. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Friday February 6th at 1.30pm. Enquiries to Alfred & Ewart Longhurst of Ewell. Telephone 01 393 1077.

FERGIE - On February 1st, peacefully at home, Allan MacGregor Smith, aged 72. Dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Patricia and step-father of Cherry. Funeral on Friday 6th February at 11.15am, at Salisbury Crematorium. Family flowers only.

FIRTH - On Sunday February 1st, at Winchester, Priscilla, aged 91, widow of Bodge. Cremation private followed by funeral in Winchester Cathedral on Friday 6th February at 2.30pm. Donations in place of flowers to Friends of the Winchester Cathedral.

FLOWER - On January 31st, suddenly at Mount Alvernia, Stuart Douglas, aged 80, of Cobham and Poole. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, Friday 6th February at 11.30am. Contributions to Cancer Research please instead of flowers. Much loved and missed by all who knew him.

FRANKS - On February 1st 1987, peacefully at home, Arthur Franks O.B.E., in his 89th year, beloved husband of Lydia, father of Harry and the late Marjorie (Edwards). Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11 today, Febuary 3rd at 11 am. No flowers please. Prayers this evening at Room of Prayer, West London Synagogue, 33, Seymour Place, W1 at 6.30pm.

FULLER - On February 1st, Capt. Thomas William (Yorkshire Hussars), much loved father and grandfather. Husband of the late Cecilia Barbara Anne. Formerly of Douthwaite Dale and Lund Head. Funeral St. Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale at 11.30 on Thursday February 5th. Family flowers only.

GRAHAM - On January 31st 1987, peacefully, Gertrude, widow of the late R.B. Graham of Brigsteer, Kendle, aged 91. Mother of Margaret Bartom, Elizabeth Kirk and Jim Graham, grandmother and great grandmother. Family funeral at St. John's Church, Helsington, at 2.30 on February 6th, followed by private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving to which all her friends are warmly invited at 11.00am on Saturday, February 28th at St. John's Church, Helsington. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for the Arthritis and Rhumatism Council for Research, may be sent c/o, A. Hutchinson, Funeral Director, Levens, Kendle.

HARRIS - On January 31st, suddenly, David Mark, M.D., F.R.C.P., of Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. Funeral Service at Woodford Parish Church of St. Mary, High Road, South Woodford on Friday February 6th at 2.00 pm, followed by cremation. The family would appreciate donations to the R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ.

HODGSON - On January 29th, suddenly in Portsmouth, Charles Arthur Champneys (Lieutenant Commander RN retired) aged 61, dearly loved husband of Christine and father of Jeremy, Nicola, Roger, Eve, Caroline and Nicholas. Funeral service at *Porchester Crematorium on Wednesday* February 4th at 10am.

HOOLEY - On February 1st 1987, peacefully in hospital, aged 78 years, Molly Isobel (née Scott-Turner), widow of Major General St. John Hooley C.B., C.B.E., loved mother of Morny Grace, and a loved grandmother. Service, Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Wednesday February 4th, at 2.15pm. Cut flowers and all enquiries please to F.A. Holland and Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel: Littlehampton 713939.

HUDSON - On January 29th 1987, suddenly at his home, Carl, loving husband of Marjory, father of Julie and Cindy and Grandpa of Sarah, John and Catherine. Private cremation. Memorial service for friends at Emmanuel Church, Church Rd, Northwood on Friday, February 6th at 10.15am. Donations to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1.

INGLEFIELD-WATSON - On January 27th, peacefully, Sir Derrick Inglefield-Watson Bart., beloved husband of Terry.

LOCKHART - On February 1st 1987, suddenly at home, Lionel Lockhart. Funeral service at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N2, on Thursday February 5th at 12.30pm. Flowers may be sent by 11am to Leverton and Sons, 212 Eversholt St, NW1 (01 387 6075).

McLOUGHLIN - On February 1st 1987, Winifred Mary (Winnie), (née Paterson), beloved wife of William Nelson McLoughlin (Paddy), mother of Dennis, Michael and Irene, mother-in-law to Liz and Richard, and grandmother of Angela, Michelle, Stephen and David, peacefully at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Funeral service 2.30pm, 4th February at St John's Episcopal Church, Aberdeen. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

NINIS - On January 30th 1987, peacefully at home, Mary aged 93, widow of the late George Ninis. Funeral in Lichfield Cathedral, 11.45 am Friday February 6th.

ORAM - On January 28th, at Weston-super-Mare Suzanne Margarette May. Dearly loved only daughter of Harry and Barbara and sister to her adoring brothers Matthew, Gavin and Julian. Funeral Service and cremation at Putney Vale at 4pm Friday 6th February. Flowers to Ashton's Funerals, 140, Alexandra Road, SW19 by 2pm. Donations if desired for Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies

PATERSON - On February 1st 1987, Arthur James (Pat), of Banstead, Surrey, husband of the late Yvonne and father of Susan and John. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 12 noon, Wednesday February 11th. Flowers to W.A. Truslove & Son Ltd, 118 Carshalton Road, Sutton, SM1 4RL, or donations to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, W1.

PERCIVAL - On January 31st 1987, Dr Harold Fitz Percival O.B.E. B.A (Cantab), M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P (London) peacefully in Northampton in his 104th year. Beloved uncle of Miss Rosemary Robson. The Funeral Service will be held on Friday February 6th at All Saints Church, Northampton at 11.45 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but contributions in aid of All Saints Church, Northampton, to Ann Bonham & Son Funeral Directors, St Giles Street, Northampton, will be greatly appreciated.

RENDLESHAM - On January 30th 1987, suddenly in London, Lady Clare, beloved wife of Lord Charles Anthony Rendlesham, mother of Sarah, Charles, Antonia, Jacquimine. Family funeral. Memorial service will be announced later.

SMYTH - On January 30th, peacefully, Charles Norman Smyth, D.M., aged 76. Funeral service at 2pm on Friday February 6th, at St. Mary the Virgin Primrose Hill, Elsworthy Road, London, NW3. Flowers may be sent to Leverton, 1 Ferdinand Place, NW1.

TREMELLEN - On January 28th, 1987 peacefully at home, Lorna, aged 90, widow of Norman C Tremellen, Sheriff of the City of London, 1953. Cremation on February 6th, 2.30 pm, Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks. No flowers please, donations appreciated: Royal Masonic Hospital, London W6 0TN.

TRENDELL - On January 9th 1987, at Greenwich District Hospital, Edward Roy M.A. Cantab., Instructor Commander R.N. (retired) aged 88, beloved husband of the late Ethel. Cremation at Lewisham Crematorium, Verdant Lane, Hither Green, Catford SE6, on Thursday February 5th 1987 at 2.50pm. All friends welcome. Enquiries to Messrs. Francis Chappell & Sons, Undertakers of 39 Woolwich Road, Greenwich, London SE10 (01 858 2966).

TYLECOTE - On January 31st, at Withington Hospital, Manchester, Dame Mabel, D.B.E., PhD, aged 90, mother of John, step-mother of Ronald and Doreen. Cremation private. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Oxfam or The National Trust.

VELDEN - On January 31st, in hospital, Doctor Rose Eva, much loved friend and relative. Cremation at Golders Green, Wednesday February 4th at 10.50. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to WIZO, 107 Gloucester Place, W1.

WARE - On January 31st at St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Maurice Southern, peacefully, after a long illness fought with his usual courage and strength. Always loved husband of Marye, dear father and father-in-law of Christopher and Anita, and loving Grandpa to Rebecca. Private family service and funeral. No flowers please, but if wished donations to the R.N.L.I. may be sent to the Funeral Directors, J. A. Whiston, King St., Knutsford, Cheshire. Tel 0565 2644. Details of memorial service to be announced later.

WELSFORD - On January 31st 1987, peacefully, Alan Mills aged 86. Much loved husband of Dorothy and father of Robert and Graham. Funeral Service at Hampstead Parish Church on Friday February 6th at 2.30pm followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BARZANI Idris. The Kurdish community in the UK mourns the loss of Idris Barzani, (1945-1987) who died due to a heart attack on 31st January *1987 in Kurdistan, son of the late* General Mustafa Barzani, a member of the Kurdistan Democratic Party Politbureau, patriot and freedom fighter, a true son of Kurdistan. A memorial service will be held in London. For details please contact the Kurdish Cultural Centre, 13/15 Stockwell Rd, London SW9. Tel 274 6261.

HUDSON - Victor Verdum. A Memorial and Thanksgiving Service will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday 17th February, at St. Peter-upon-Cornhill, London EC3.

PUSHKIN Alexander - A Memorial Service to mark the 150th Anniversary of the death of the Russian Poet, Alexander Pushkin, will be held at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Ennismore Gardens, SW7, at 1pm on Sunday 8th February.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

COVEN - In cherished memory of Rale, very loved Mamma, on her birthday. Frank and Edwina.

HANDFORD - Maurice. A memorial service for Mr Maurice Handford will be held in St. Ann's Church, Manchester, at 11.30am on Monday 23rd February 1987. Enquiries to Hallé Orchestra, Manchester.

JOHNSON - Mary Elizabeth, died at Norwich, February 3rd 1976. Lovingly remembered today and always. Margaret and Tobo.

LAWRENCE - In very loving memory *of Geoffray. Feb. 3rd 1967. Avice.*

MACKENZIE - Dr. Alastair Stewart (Sandy) January 1st 1986. Treasured memories of a beloved husband. Maria.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

WILLIAMS - WILLIAMS - On February 3rd 1937 at Carshalton Parish Church, Kenneth Harcourt to Ida Maud. Now at Castle Drive Falmouth Cornwall.

Science report

Ticks carried unusual 'outdoor' disease

By Dorothy Bonn

A new immunological test led to the diagnosis, in the British Isles last year, of 68 cases of *an* unusual disease transmitted by ticks.

Two doctors at Charing Cross Hospital, London, have shown that deer are a reservoir for the infection. Many of the patients — mostly children and young adults — had contact with deer, or walked along deer tracks, in such wooded areas as the New Forest.

The disease was first recognized in 1975 in the United States and named after the town of Lyme, *Connecticut*, where the first outbreak occurred. Initially the illness seemed to be a form of juvenile arthritis, but in later cases it was noted that the joint pains were often preceded by a slowly spreading rash.

The disease proved a puzzle for some years, but in 1985 an American scientist, Dr Burgdorfer, found some spiral-shaped bacteria (spirochaetes) — which became known as *Borrelia burgdorferi* — in the blood of ticks, and the same organism was soon isolated from the blood, skin and cerebrospinal fluid of patients with Lyme disease.

The new test was developed by Dr Mark Muhlemann and Dr David Wright, of Charing Cross Hospital, and their laboratory now acts as a reference centre for the diagnosis of all *Borrelia* infections in the British Isles.

In 1985 they received 481 serum samples for testing, and 68 of them were positive for antibodies to *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

Lyme disease cannot be diagnosed with certainty without a serological test. Some of the patients tested by Dr Muhlemann and Dr Wright had an influenza-like illness, and some others had generalized symptoms, such as fever, headache, nausea and vomiting, and perhaps muscle and joint pains as well.

Only about half the patients had a rash, and eight had a rash together with neurological disorders, such as mild meningitis or facial paralysis. Thirteen patients had neurological abnormalities without the skin lesions.

Dr Muhlemann and Dr Wright confirmed the connection between Lyme disease and ticks by collecting ticks from various sites in the New Forest and examining their guts for *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

Twenty-four of the patients remembered being bitten by ticks, and most had had contact with deer or domestic pets. However, serological tests on pets were negative, whereas 86 per cent of deer were positive.

Many of the doctors' patients liked to spend their recreation time out of doors — in woods and forests, for example — and this probably explains why most patients with Lyme disease have been young. But two patients had been bitten by ticks in their own gardens.

Fortunately, Lyme disease, once diagnosed, is easily cured with a course of antibiotics.

Source: *The Lancet*, January 31.

University news

Birmingham

A new scholarship for overseas students, to be called the Neville Chamberlain scholarship, has been established with a £50,000 endowment from Dr and Mrs Stephen Lloyd, the son-in-law and daughter of the former Prime Minister.

Grants

Commission of European Communities: £369,745 to Professor T Bell (BRITE project) to study the surface *engineering of titanium components.*

Science and Engineering Research Council: £96,239 to Dr J N Hay to research novel polymer compositions for blow moulding; £135,696 to Dr R A Kennedy for the study of infrared spectroscopy of molecular ions using fast ion beams; £780,600 to Professor G Isaak to research the application of optical resonance scattering to solar physics; £75,688 to Dr C W Wharton to study kinetics and mechanism of DNA repair: laser induced trapping of single strand breaks.

Animal Health Trust: Professor P J Butler (zoology and comparative physiology) for the development of cardiorespiratory studies.

Sussex

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: £339,436 to Professor R L Grimsdale and Dr P Lister for work on prism processor for real time image synthesis and manipulation; £148,745 to Professor A Sloman for further development of Poplog programming; £89,468 to Dr R C Bray for research on the application of EPR to molybdo and other enzymes (including molecular recognition and biological specificity); £83,430 to Professor M Hennessy for a study of algebraic models of concurrent systems; £91,809 to Dr D C Hogg, Mr J Gibson, Professor A Sloman and Dr D J Watson for work on a high performance version of the Poplog Virtual machine.

Welcome Trust: £194,099 to Dr L Mayne for research on the cloning of human DNA repair genes by phenotypic complementation in human mutant cells with exogenous DNA; £60,000 to Dr V M Pain for studies of the regulation of protein synthesis and breakdown in fibroblasts by insulin and insulin growth factors.

Medical Research Council: £93,615 to Dr B G Spratt for work on the development of resistance to B-Lactam antibodies in new protect clinical isolates of streptococcus.

Southampton

Promotions

Personal professorships: Dr R.J. Walker (neurophysiology) and Dr J.D. Pickard (neurological science).

Readership: Dr C.R. Jesshope (computer architecture).

York

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National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tues 7-10.35pm, £6-£13.

★ LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES: Blood-chilling account of the destruction of innocence under the *ancien régime*. Tickets like gold dust.
Ambassadors Theatre, West Street, WC2 (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, matinée Wed 3-6pm, Sat 4-7pm, £5-£17.50.

☆ THE MAINTENANCE MAN: John Alderton plays a dim husband worried by his women.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5.30-7.30pm, £4-£12.50.

☆ MR AND MRS NOBODY: The home life of the Pooters. Imaginatively staged and not too cosy too often. Judi Dench and Michael Williams a beguiling couple.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Fri 7.30-9.40pm, Sat 8-10.10pm, matinée Tue 3-5.10pm, Sat 5-7.10pm, £7.50-£12.50.

☆ A PENNY FOR A SONG: Revival of John Whiting's play about a Dorset village steeling itself to thwart Napoleon. Charming within its limits.
RSC Barbican Theatre, Barbican, EC2 (01-628 8795, 01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican. Mon and Tue 7.30-10pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ ROAD: A welcome return for the scorchingly brilliant account of life and sex in dead-end Britain.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon to Sat 8-10.20pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 4-6.20pm, £3-£12.

☆ WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT: Geraldine James and Julie Walters as two adolescent girls eagerly entering the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon to Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, matinée Wed 3-5.10pm, Sat 5.30-7.40pm, £7.50-£13.50.

☆ WOMAN IN MIND: Poignant Ayckbourn drama with award-winning Julia McKenzie as a wife at her wits' end.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon to Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ WONDERFUL TOWN: Marvellous Maureen Lipman in Bernstein's zippy musical.
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 0120/1166/7 or 01-439 3849). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Sat 8-10.30pm, matinées Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 5-7.30pm, £6-£16.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ The Business of Murder: Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . **★ Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . **☆ Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . **☆ 42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . **☆ Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . **☆ Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . **☆ The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . **☆ No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . **★ Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . **☆ Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . **☆ Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . **☆ Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . **☆ Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ Fifth of July: Vietnam veteran coming to terms with it all among eccentric Missouri folk: British première of Broadway success.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon to Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinee Thurs 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £1-£7.50, until Feb 21.

COVENTRY: ★ The Fifteen Streets: Romance beckons across the great divide of class; adapted from Catherine Cookson's novel.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon to Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.15pm, £3.25-£5.75, until Feb 21.

HARLOW: ☆ Not About Heroes: Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.
Playhouse Theatre, The High, Harlow (0279 31945). Mon to Sat 8-10.15pm, matinée Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £2.95-£4.45.

LEEDS: ☆ Little Shop of Horrors: Creepy thriller starring Audrey the blood-hungry plant.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111). Tue 8-9.50pm, Wed to Sat 7.30-9.20pm, matinée Sat 3-4.50pm, £4-£5.50, until 7 Feb.

MANCHESTER: ☆ A Wholly Healthy Glasgow: Trouble at the Health Club when a newcomer threatens the old easy ways.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon to Thurs 7.30-9.45pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 4-6.15pm, £2.50-£8.50.

SOUTHAMPTON: ★ A Piece of my Mind: George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols's new play covering 20 years of a writer's life.
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 555028). Mon to Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £3.70-£5.70, until Feb 14.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ Kiss Me Kate: Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first American musical.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm. Matinée Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm. £5-£16.50.

WATFORD: ☆ Madame Bovary: Helen Mirren as Flaubert's woman of passion in premiere of a play by Edna O'Brien.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road (0923 25671). Mon to Thurs 7.45-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, £2.25-£7.50.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

BOY SOLDIER (15): A soldier is charged with murder following a shooting incident in Northern Ireland. An earnest drama from the director of *Giro City*, Karl Francis (100 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.20.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

THE COLOR PURPLE (15): Whoopi Goldberg's skilful performance lends some depth and dignity to Spielberg's prettified version of Alice Walker's novel about the gradual emancipation of a black woman from the Deep South (154 min).
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.30, 7.55.

■ CROCODILE DUNDEE (15): Australia's smash hit, with TV comic Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter bemused by New York's urban jungle. Broad and loud, but friendly (98 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.20, 6.05, 8.55.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30.
☎ Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 3.00, 5.20, 8.30.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-586 3057). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.25.
☎ Plaza Lower Regent Street (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15.

■ DOWN BY LAW (15): Jim Jarmusch's wry, off-beat comedy about three misfits who escape from a New Orleans prison. Immaculate scene-stealing by Italian Roberto Benigni (106 min).
☎ Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 4.00, 6.00, 8.00, 10.00.
☎ Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.55.

ESCALIER C (15): A cynical, misanthropic art critic gets his comeuppance. Based on a prizewinning novel by Elvire Murail; directed, uncertainly, by Jean-Charles Tacchella, best known for *Cousin, Cousine*. (101 min)
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 0791). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

■ THE GOLDEN CHILD (PG): Eddie Murphy as a social worker recruited to rescue a kidnapped, magical child. A bizarre mixture of sentimentality, special effects and Hong Kong hooey. (94 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.45.
☎ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

HANNAH AND HER SISTERS (15): Woody Allen's assured comedy-drama chronicling the lives and loves of Hannah, her sisters, various husbands and partners. With Allen, Michael Caine, Mia Farrow (107 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.05, 8.25.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, 4.55, 7.25, 9.50.

■ HEARTBURN (15): Nora Ephron's semi-autobiographical novel about a foundering marriage, filmed with sharp surface detail and smart peformances (Meryl Streep, Jack Nicholson) (110 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
☎ Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.35.
☎ Plaza Lower Regent Street (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

INSPECTOR LAVARDIN (15): Claude Chabrol baiting the bourgeoisie in a cynical thriller, with Jean Poiret as the insolent cop pursuing the case of a writer found dead on a Brittany beach (103 min).
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.
☎ Chelsea Cinema, Kings Road (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

THE KEEP (18): Cock-eyed Second World War fantasy in which German troops wake up a supernatural being in a Romanian fortress. Directed by Michael Mann, creator of *Miami Vice*. (95 min)
ICA Cinematheque, The Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647). Progs 6.30, 8.30.

■ THE MISSION (PG): Jesuits and colonialists struggle for power in 18th century South America. With Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons; Roland Joffé directs with a fine eye for spectacle and a blind eye for the script's deficiencies (125 min).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25.

■ MONA LISA (18): Neil Jordan's quirky comedy-drama, with Bob Hoskins fine as the bemused chauffeur to a high-class prostitute; the plot fizzles out (104 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 5.35, 8.10.
☎ Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.40, 5.05, 8.25.
☎ Plaza Lower Regent Street (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

Short, tubby and balding, with a cockney accent you could cut with a knife, Bob Hoskins is not exactly your Cary Grant. Nor does his particular brand of lovable villainy vary that much from role to role. But the critical plaudits keep coming and so do the awards, most recently a Golden Globe from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for his fine portrayal of the small-time hoodlum in *Mona Lisa* (see listing).

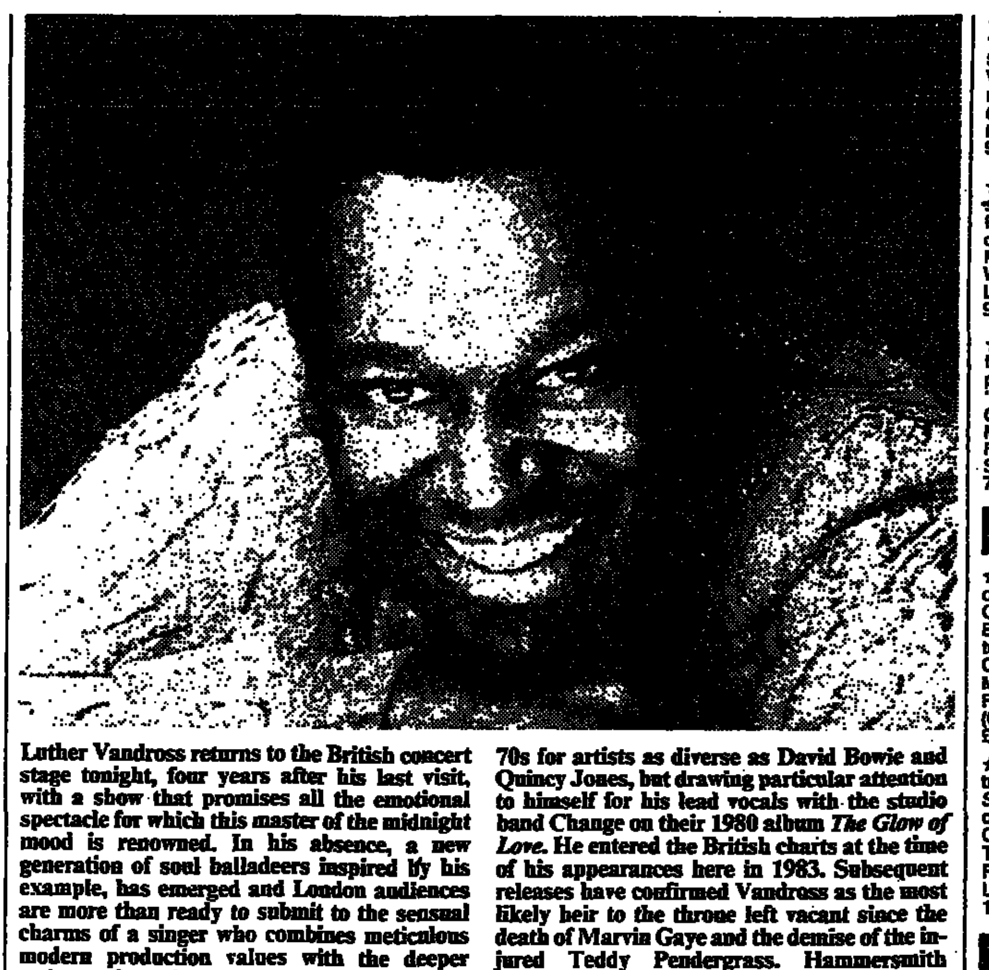
THE NAME OF THE ROSE (18): Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud; with Sean Connery (131 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.15, 2.40, 5.25, 8.15.

■ PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (15): Francis Ford Coppola's warm, sophisticated time-warp comedy, in which Kathleen Turner's troubled mum finds herself back at high school (103 min).
Electric Screen (01-229 3694). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.45, 9.00.
Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
☎ Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.45, 5.00, 8.25.
☎ Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111, cc 930 3232). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00.
Odeon Swiss Cottage, (01-586 3057). Progs 2.50, 5.10, 8.20.

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei Tarkovsky's testament — a starkly beautiful parable, shot in Sweden, with Erland Josephson as the intellectual hero facing the world's end (149 min).
☎ Lumiere (01-836 0691, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 2.10, 5.05, 8.10.

SALVADOR (18): Vivid political drama set in Central America, inspired by the past adventures of photo-journalist Richard Boyle. Oliver Stone directs James Woods, James Belushi (123 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.55, 5.30, 8.10.
☎ Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 8.20.

■ TOP GUN (15): Tom Cruise as a cocky naval pilot undergoing elite training. Noisy, glossy, fatuously written; America's box-office champ of 1986 (110 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.



Luther Vandross returns to the British concert stage tonight, four years after his last visit, with a show that promises all the emotional spectacle for which this master of the midnight mood is renowned. In his absence, a new generation of soul balladeers inspired by his example, has emerged and London audiences are more than ready to submit to the sensual charms of a singer who combines meticulous modern production values with the deeper artistry of another era's soul ballad singing. Vandross began his career as a session singer and vocal arranger, writing and working in the 70s for artists as diverse as David Bowie and Quincy Jones, but drawing particular attention to himself for his lead vocals with the studio band Change on their 1980 album *The Glow of Love*. He entered the British charts at the time of his appearances here in 1983. Subsequent releases have confirmed Vandross as the most likely heir to the throne left vacant since the death of Marvin Gaye and the demise of the injured Teddy Pendergrass. Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081) tonight until Friday, and February 11-14 inclusive, but sold out. ***David Sinclair***

CONCERTS

☆ TRUMPET MUSIC: Star trumpeter John Wallace's group, The Wallace Collection, play trumpet pieces by Mozart, Malcolm Arnold, Diabelli and the American Carl Ruggles.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844), 1.05-1.55pm, £1.50.

☆ ALL SHOSTAKOVICH: In the "From Russia with Lunch" series Shostakovich's Cello Sonata and Violin Sonata are performed by members of the Borodin Trio.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 1.10-2pm, £2.50.

☆ TUBB/MUSICKE: Evelyn Tubb sings pieces by Monteverdi, Purcell, Dowland, Caccini and others with The Consort of Musicke.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.15pm, £2-£5.

☆ MOZART/SCHUBERT: After the LPO under Franz Welser-Möst has played Schubert's Symphony No 4 "Tragic" the London Philharmonic Choir and soloists join in for Mozart's Mass in C minor K 427.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.90-£12.50.

OPERA

☆ CINDERELLA: Rossini's panto-opera complements *Rigoletto* in Opera 80's tour this year. Ivor Bolton, conducting, brings the work to sparkling new life with Sharon Cooper, Alastair Elliott, and George Moseley among a lively young cast.
Festival Theatre, Paignton, Devon (0803 558641), 7.30-10.15pm, £4-£5.50.

☆ IL TRITTICO: Puccini's triptych — *Suor Angelica, Gianni Schicchi* and *Il Tabarro* — is the chosen curtain-raiser for the Royal College of Music's new Britten Theatre.
RCM, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 (01-589 3643), 7-10.45pm, free.

ROCK

☆ NIK KERSHAW: The melodic pop-funkster at the crossroads between teeny star and adult entertainer status.
Town and Country Club, Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) for three nights, 7.30pm, £5.50.

JAZZ

☆ JAZZ RENEGADES: Drummer Steve White, formerly with the Style Council, has the help of saxophonist Alan Barnes and organist Steve Rose in recreating the undemanding blues-based "soul jazz" of the early Sixties.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ DAVE HOLLAND: Vigorous multinational modern quintet led by an outstanding British bassist and featuring drum prodigy Marvin Smith.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £3 (£2 members).

DANCE

★ MIXED BILL: New works by Roy Campbell-Moore, Martha Partridge, Jerry Pearson and Quinny Sacks.
Laban Studio Theatre, Laurie Grove, London, SE14 (01-692 4070), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.

☆ GISELLE: Galina Samsova's new production for London City Ballet.
Arts Theatre, St Edwards Passage, Cambridge (0223 352000, cc 0223 316421), 8pm, matinée Sat 2.30pm, £4-£6, until Feb 7.

GALLERIES

JULIE ALLEN: Her subjects are contemplative interior scenes exploring the relationship between figures and their settings.
Carlile Gallery, 341 Goswell Road, London EC1 (01-837 1639), Mon to Sat 11-6pm, closed Sun, free, until Feb 28.

THE PRIVATE DEGAS: This artist based all of his finished works on detailed preparatory drawings and these sketches, with the relevant paintings, pastels and sculptures, make for a didactic and fascinating exhibition.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865), Mon to Sat 10-5pm, Thurs 10-9pm, closed Sun, free, until Feb 28.

ALAN DAVIE: Paintings from the 1950s concentrate on the period Davie was influenced by abstraction emerging from the St Ives School and by the improvisational qualities of jazz, which he himself plays.
Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2488), Mon to Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, closed Sun, free, until Feb 14.

JOHN MOORES EXHIBITION 15: Includes Tim Head's "Cow Mutations", based on the cartoon-like image of a cow noticed on a carton of Sainsbury's milk.
Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051-227 5234), 40p, Mon to Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until April 20.

ERIC RAVILIOUS: This versatile artist is best known as a landscape painter, but he also designed pottery for Wedgwood and posters for London Transport and the regional railways.
Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, London SW1 (01-930 4811), Tues to Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, closed Mon, free, until March 29.

BRITISH ART 1920-1960: It is exhibitions such as this one which illustrate the real depth of unsung talent in British art.
Blond Fine Art, 22 Princes Street, London W1 (01-437 1230), Mon to Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, closed Sun, free, until Feb 21.

TALKS

HUMAN RIGHTS: Michael Zander, Professor of Law, London School of Economics and Political Science, on "Police powers and liberty of the person".
The New Theatre, King's College, Strand, London WC2, 1pm.

EDWARDIAN VIEW: John Drew takes a look at "Kenilworth through Edwardian Eyes".
The Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth, 7.15pm.

QUAKER'S DILEMMA: Peter Jarman on "The dilemma of a Quaker reconciler in the USSR".
Pushkin Club, 46 Ladbroke Grove, London W11, 7.30pm.

WALKS

Inns of Court — England's legal heritage, meet Chancery Lane Underground, 11am.
Ghosts of the West End, meet Embankment Underground, 7.30pm.

OTHER EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE THROATS: Annual ceremony held on the feast day of St Blaise, patron saint of all those who suffer from throat diseases.
St Etheldreda's Roman Catholic Church, 14 Ely Place, London EC1 (01-405 1061).

BRITISH LIBRARY FILMS: First of the February season of Tuesday screenings. *One Power Alone — The Life and Poetry of William Blake*, 11am; *Tolstoi: From Riches to Rags*, 2pm.
British Library Seminar Room, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-323 7111), free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

THE RED HEDGEHOG: Postal and personal booking for the Tuesday lunchtime concerts, featuring chamber music of Brahms, who lunched at the Red Hedgehog Inn in Vienna. Tickets include Westphalian ham and Hungarian wine. March 24-April 28.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800) (01-928 3002 information). Telephone booking from tomorrow.

ALEXANDER PUSHKIN: Personal/phone booking for the February season of films including *The Tale of Tsar Saltan, The Queen of Spades*, and *A Pushkin Trilogy*. Feb 7-26.
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3232, cc 01-988 1711).

SHARED EXPERIENCE THEATRE COMPANY: Booking for *Heat of The Day*, an adaptation of Elizabeth Bowen's novel. March 31-April 4.
Gloucestershire Everyman, Regent Street, Cheltenham (0242 572573).

LAST CHANCE

WEST COAST PAINTING — NEW DIRECTIONS: Four Vancouver-based artists, exponents of figurative and representational painting. Ends today, 10-5.30pm, free.
Canada House Cultural Centre Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London SW1 (01-629 9492)

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TOP CLASSICAL COMPACT DISCS

1	**Holst: The Planets,** BPO/Karajan	Deutsche Grammophon
2	**Luciano Pavarotti: The Pavarotti Collection**	Stylus
3	**Beethoven: Symphonies 5 and 6,** BPO/Karajan	DG
4	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons,** AAM/Hogwood	L'Oiseau Lyre/Decca
5	**Elgar: Enigma Variations,** BBC SO/Bernstein	DG
6	**Dvorak: Symphony 9,** Chicago SO/Solti	Decca
7	**Mendelssohn/Bruch Violin Concertos,** Mutter/BPO/Karajan	DG
8	**Beethoven, Symphony 3,** BPO/Karajan	DG
9	**Beethoven, Symphony 9,** BPO/Karajan	DG
10	**Elgar: Violin Concerto,** Kennedy/LPO/Handley	Eminence
11	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons,** English Concert/Pinnock	Archiv
12	**Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture,** MSO/Dutoit	Decca
13	**Beethoven: Symphony 6,** Philh/Ashkenazy	Decca
14	**Beethoven: Symphony 3 and 5,** PO/Ashkenazy	Decca
15	**Elgar: Cello Concerto,** Lloyd Webber/PRO/Menuhin	Philips
16	**Vaughan Williams Concert,** ASMF/Marriner	Argo
17	**Beethoven: Moonlight Sonata,** Ashkenazy	Decca
18	**Rachmaninov: Piano Concertos 2/4,** Ashkenazy/Haitink/CGB	Decca
19	**Tchaikovsky/Mendelssohn violin concertos,** Chung/OSM/ Dutoit	Decca
20	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons,** Mutter/VPO/Karajan	EMI

Source: *Music Week* research

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/ 638 8891. No perf Today. Tomor. Thur & Fri at 1.00 STRAVINSKY PLUS 7 45 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30 pm LPO Franz Welser-Möst. Edith Wiens. Margaret Marshall. Laurence Dale. Robert Lloyd. London Philharmonic Choir. Schubert: Symphony No 4 (Tragic). Mozart: Mass in C minor, K. 427.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Wed 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME. Perf now ends 10.45). Thurs 7.00 The Queen of Spades

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. (Exc. ton't) Ton't 8 00 Victorian Evening Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Beauty and the Beast/ Young Apollo/ Gloria. Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. See 'Theatres' section. New Sadler's Wells Opera info Hotline 278 0855.

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CINEMAS

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Grist to the mill

The Amazon ants of North America are the SS of the animal kingdom. A typical working day consist of raiding the colony of another species; having soused the guards with a chemical spray known as a "propaganda substance" which makes them tough one another up, the marauding Amazons plunder the breeding

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chambers and bear off pupae to be raised as complaisant slaves. To be fair, they need these slaves, for pillage has overdeveloped their mandibles to the point where they cannot feed themselves.

Such shameless hellions could obviously do with some remedial PR, and the bearded formicologist in *Wildlife on One* (BBC1) did his best with talk of their undoubted collective intelligence. He also commended the immaculate symmetry of foraging displayed by the army ants of the Panamanian jungle, who daily pour out from their bivouac on a precise compass-heading to consume everything on legs in their path.

Terror of another order lurked in the wings of *Horizon: The Man Who Cared For Children* (BBC2). This first of two reports on the pioneering psychologist Bruno Bettelheim profiled his work in the Orthogenic School of Chicago, which for 30 years has provided a refuge for severely disturbed children.

"Orthogenic" is a peculiarly horrible word, but the process it describes seems to consist of tolerance, understanding and loving kindness. The basic insight that intractably anti-social children are responding to an existential terror which they have located outside themselves does not need a supercargo of shrink-speak, and Dr Bettelheim will have won many admirers with this sober account of his work.

His own observations of the psychological distress suffered by his fellow inmates in German concentration camps apparently formed the crux of his approach to behavioural disturbance in American children. But the programme was reticent on this point, and also suffered – despite the glowing testimony of his former patients – from the fact that we did not see the Bettelheim method in practice.

Martin Cropper

Tensions revealed below the surface

GALLERIES

The Private Degas
Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester

Eric Ravilious
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Art from the RAF Museum
Michael Parkin

War Art: The Royal Air Force 1939-45
RAF Museum, Hendon

Degas is at once one of the most familiar and the least considered of the major Impressionists. Popular ideas on the subject tend to begin and end with a general, attractive image of ballet girls at practice or waiting in the wings. Add to that an equally generalized image of horse and jockey, and you get a notion of a worldly, womanizing painter who turned out innumerable pictures recording his own everyday preoccupations for the undemanding enjoyment of a multitude who knew nothing about art, but certainly knew what they liked. If the remarkable Arts Council show The Private Degas, at the Whitworth Gallery, Manchester, until February 28, and then in Cambridge at the Fitzwilliam, does nothing else, it serves dramatically to show how little of the Degas who was important to Degas is covered by any such hasty formulation.

What it shows first and foremost is a Degas who studied long and hard to achieve his apparent ease and spontaneity. In the process, it suggests to us something of the real "private" Degas, the introvert and often solitary whose interest in ballet-girls was almost entirely formal and who was never either a rider or a gambler on horse-races. We glean something of his real relationships, such as that with Mary Cassatt, who figures in his various pictorial treatments of the Etruscan Gallery at the Louvre and who stands for his several close friendships (which may or may not have had a sexual element in them) with sophisticated and cultivated women whom he could meet on equal terms. His ballet-girls could always be brought to his studio to be sketched or photographed, and then dismissed while he adjourned elsewhere to get on in solitude with the real business of painting.

Degas emerges, in fact, as an unexpected devotee of Art for Art's Sake, and, more often than one would have suspected, of art looking in on itself and finding inspiration in other art rather than in observed life. Degas was in fact never inclined, as we suppose all Impressionists to have been, to paint on the spot, catching the visual effect of the moment as it flew. We can see here how carefully he constructed his images, and how much in them came from his meticulous studies of the masters.

When a student, and even much later, he was constantly looking at artworks by such as Ingres (of all people), Mantegna, Michelangelo, Le Sueur, Botticelli, Raphael, Delacroix and many others, and copying details, or even whole paintings, in an effort to understand what they were about and how they worked. The show, and the revealing book by Richard Thomson which accompanies it (as well as having a hardback life of its own from the Herbert Press at £12.95), contrive a number of very telling collocations of sketches by Degas after the masters with works of his own, far removed in subject-matter, where one can see a gesture remembered or a quirk of composition picked up and cunningly recycled.

It all makes Degas, of course, seem much less romantic (or rather Romantic) and much more Classical. But that is hardly a bad thing: he is in most ways a far more interesting figure put back into the tradition to which he properly belongs. It also indicates something of why his works, for all their superficial charms, have such a tenacious hold on the imagination.

In the past we have probably felt that there was something going on below the surface, giving tension and substance to the apparently loose and slight. Now we are much closer to knowing what that something is. We can also see just where Degas was revolutionary, as well as where he was a closet conservative: the amazingly bold, chopped-off composition of pictures like *The Duet* prove now to come, not only from photographs and Japanese prints (which we knew), but also from his profoundly admiring but never uncritical studies of earlier art. And the private Degas proposed does not even preclude the occasional private joke, as when one of his pastel landscapes proves to be unmistakably an abstraction of the Metropolitan's nude *Woman Having Her Hair Combed*, turned on its side. Degas may or may not be the greatest of the Impressionists, but he surely emerges as the Impressionist one would most like to meet.

Nude getting ready to be turned into a landscape? – Degas's *After the Bath*; and (below) James Tucker's richly ambiguous *Their Hero* (detail)

Another, very different, artist who arouses something like the same feeling of personal attraction and even acquaintance is Eric Ravilious. Perhaps only to the English: one does wonder whether the sense of cosy familiarity would be able to cross the Channel. But, even if it did not, the show now at *the Crafts Council Gallery until* March 29 (I wrote about it when it began at the Towner Gallery, Eastbourne, last year, and London was not yet on its agenda) does indicate unmistakably that there was and is a lot more to him than just the attraction of a well-worn sports jacket and comfy shoes.

Inevitably his vision of rural England, indoors and out, will carry its own charge of nostalgia, but there is also a coiled and wiry sense of design underlying the slight lyric grace, and the idea of this one gets from the pictures (which, incidentally, look very well in the Crafts Council's right-hand gallery, more usually littered with objects) is powerfully underlined by the examples of Ravilious's practical design also included, quite a bit more lavishly than in Eastbourne. His designs for ceramics and fabrics look beautiful and practical, and startlingly undated, and confirm, if further confirmation is needed, that his loss during the war was irreparable.

Ravilious was not the only Official War Artist to be lost on active service in the Second World War (a number of readers sharply pointed out my mistake when I alleged he was), but his end was probably the most mysterious: the plane he was flying in just vanished somewhere near Iceland. He is not, however, included in either of the two current shows of art from the RAF Museum, Hendon: the more accessible of them at the Michael Parkin Gallery until February 13, and the other, War Art: The Royal Air Force 1939-45, at the museum itself until June 22. The distinction between the two is that the Parkin show is from the existing permanent collection, while the museum show is selected from the Air Ministry's War Artists Collection, now managed by the museum's new Art Department. The latter is much more conventional in its approach, confining itself on the whole to glorified illustration rather than self-sufficient art.

All the same, it is worth the trip out to see excellent, too little-known paintings by Rodrigo Moynihan, some fine watercolours by Graham Sutherland and Paul Nash and, very topical at the moment, one of Bomberg's striking studies of an *Underground Bomb Store*. In comparison, the Parkin show positively revels in the bizarre, as in Gladys Hynes's eccentric airborn *Crucifixion* or James Tucker's richly (and perhaps unintentionally) ambiguous *Their Hero*. But there are also fine Futurist works by Nevinson and Enrico Castello, and some excellent abstracts, air-inspired, by such as George Dannatt and John Wells. It all speaks very well for the museum's imaginative acquisitions policy. But does it not have any Ravilious at all?

John Russell Taylor

COUNTRY MUSIC

The Judds
London Palladium

"We're living proof that dreams come true", cooed Naomi Judd before explaining her recipe for success. "All you have to do is put your faith in the Lord and ask 'Why not me?'." Amazingly, the mother-and-daughter duo, who purvey similar strands of unfashionable homespun philosophy in gentle acoustic songs like "The Sweetest Gift (A Mother's Smile)" and "Change of Heart", have become the talk of the town among people who would ordinarily make it their business to deride such sentiments out of hand.

Despite the fact that they are now million-selling superstars in America, the Judds are still succeeding by convincing audiences of their sincerity in such implausible beliefs, and by stripping away the glossy Nashville trappings that became the hallmark of country music in the Seventies.

As far as Naomi (the mother) was concerned the main difference between harmonizing round the dinner table at home in Morrill, Kentucky, the heart of the Appalachian blue-grass country, to performing on the Palladium stage was that in London she did not have to do any cooking.

Whether you believed this or not (and plainly some people did) there was certainly a depth and resonance to their singing that placed them securely beyond the novelty bracket, as they worked their way through all their hit singles and many besides.

The sturdy Wynonna sang the lead parts with the casual confidence of youth, her mouth curling a bit like Elvis Presley's, while the slim Naomi harmonized to perfection as she fluttered about the stage with the prim deportment of one who has spent many years being a good hostess and example to her children. Behind them the six-piece band rocked out politely on acoustic and pedal steel guitars.

But, while not wishing to detract from the charms of an entirely pleasant and amiable performance, I left with the lingering impression that there was something less to all this than has so far met the media's eyes.

David Sinclair

Marief Guittier's Princesse with Roger van Hool (left), Christian Blanc and Georges Stagnet

Carnival of an animal

THEATRE IN FRANCE

Les Crachats de la lune
Théâtre de la Ville, Paris

Crachats de la lune ("Moon-spittle") is the somewhat unattractive, but highly descriptive, colloquial name of a moss which grows in southern France. By day it is an unprepossessing grey smear, seen by moonlight it gives off a remarkable phosphorescent glow. As the title of a tragi-comedy written and directed by Gildas Bourdet, it is aptly abstruse, the *crachats* being a baker's dozen of Fellini offcuts, whose individual glow reveals itself only after midnight under the fluorescent light of a French railway station buffet-cum-brothel.

This is the 40-year-old Bourdet's third major play. His first, *Le Saperleau*, premièred in 1982, with its franco-jabberwockian text, made excited ripples in French theatrical circles, but it merely mystified audiences at last year's Edinburgh Festival. In 1984, *Une Station service* squeezed the grease out of life at a way-off-the-beaten-track petrol station. Verbally more comprehensible than *Le Saperleau*, it succeeded in establishing Bourdet as one of France's hottest properties.

The Mayor of Lille, where Bourdet and his illustrious company, Le Salamandre, is based, says he will build a new theatre if Bourdet stays to run it. There is just as warm a welcome waiting at Paris's biggest municipal venue, the Théâtre de la Ville.

Les Crachats bears all the Bourdet trade marks: the examination, through the wrong end of a kaleidoscope, of a forgotten, stagnating urban cesspool, inhabited by a variety of human flotsam and jetsam. Here, the pond is a railway buffet with a special have-it-away service, provided by the haughty Princesse (Marief Guittier) and the lowly Paquita (Chantal Neuwirth), their affairs regulated by a pimp (Jean-Marie Galey).

The seedy spartan provinciality of the place is caught with cold accuracy by Laurent Peduzzi's meticulous design. There is also a nice line in musical effects and dog-barks. Françoise Chevalier's costumes are a lesson in characterization.

The play's mechanism is cranked into action by a rail strike – a coincidental touch of actuality that added a certain piquancy to the play's transport-bereft first night. Skimming down the 13-strong cast-list is as revealing as reading a synopsis of the play (which ends on a murderous note): from *Lipstick*, a transvestite junkie (played with high-heeled pathos and panache by Christian Ruché), to the limping pinko patron (Christian Blanc) with a former prostitute for a wife whose morals are as two-faced as her dress-sense. Add to these a macho soldier, an autistic, lovesick thug fluent in Bourdet-ese, plus a half-dozen other pieces of human litter, and the picture is more or less complete.

The passing pageantry is not only directed by Bourdet with surrealistic flair, but is turned into a treat by virtue of the exceptional talents of the members of Le Salamandre company. It has to be said however that, like the moss of the title, the moonlit carnival is of the moment: its memory becomes a quickly forgotten grey.

Diane Hill

Peterloo Poets

In a review of *An Enormous Yes: In Memoriam Philip Larkin* last Saturday, it was stated that tributes to Larkin contained in the book had been "generally stolen from good writers and those good newspapers where they first appeared". We accept that the book's publisher, Peterloo Poets, and its editor, Harry Chambers, sought and received permission to reprint the articles in question, and made the appropriate payments. We apologize for conveying a misleading impression.

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CONCERTS

LSO/Rozhdestvensky
Barbican

Sheer numbers of musicians involved ensured that the sounds of Diaghilev's ballets before 1914 made their effect, whatever they looked like on the stage, and two of their largest forces were represented in the second of the London Symphony Orchestra's "Stravinsky Plus" series. Gennadi Rozhdestvensky devoted the first part of the programme to *Petrushka* in its original 1911 version, which itself involves an orchestra of over 100.

It is markedly different from the revision Stravinsky pragmatically carried out in the changed economic circumstances of 1947 to make performances more practicable, in or out of the theatre, and one wonders what experience the Soviet conductor has had of the first version in his own country. His was a strangely soft-grained performance, with little of the sharp incisiveness usually to be heard in this music, and in places favouring unusually deliberate tempi.

Rozhdestvensky: soft-grained

He nevertheless secured an effective blend and balance of tone from what became here a series of illustrative scenes related to the ballet's detail, raising again the enigma of a prominent piano role within the orchestra which virtually disappears half-way through. Even more wealth of instrumental colour was skilfully pointed for *Daphnis and Chloe* which, with its four-part wordless chorus, demands still larger forces.

Having assembled these, it was surely perverse to perform no more than the familiar Second Suite, which is simply the ballet's closing scenes, and not Ravel's complete score, or perhaps to add the First Suite as well, in what was already a short programme. Even the concerto included for contrast, which was Prokofiev's No 1 for piano, because it dated from the same time, was all over in about 15 minutes.

Victoria Postnikova was the able soloist, nicely alternating between the percussively brittle irony with which the composer, then still a teenager and student, was reacting to his Russian romantic heritage, and his own sense of melodic feeling. The fact that he was to rival Stravinsky as a composer for dance was already adumbrated in a performance that here invested the concerto with lyrical warmth as well as devilment.

Noël Goodwin

LPO/Carl Davis
Festival Hall

Xue Wei, from the conservatories of Shanghai and Beijing, has for the last five years been playing his violin through western and eastern Europe and picking up prize after prize. His latest award included a concert with the London Philharmonic who, with Pioneer Hi-Fi, had set up the Young Soloist of the Year competition which Wei won last November.

The air at the Festival Hall on Sunday was certainly less rarefied than that which he had doubtless been breathing on the hothouse circuit. Indeed, we scarcely moved out of the temperate zone all evening. Wei is a gentle, relaxed, small-scale player; Carl Davis a kindly accompanist. Between them, and with the LPO in docile form, Saint-Saëns's Third Violin Concerto could have felt at home in the pump-room.

Wei's way is affectionate, assiduous first, virtuosic second. With scoops full of romantic portamento, lambent phrasing and a finale which made up in dexterity what it lacked in decibels, the performance could have done with a more alert orchestral accompaniment.

Even in Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, the London Philharmonic's speech tended to be slurred. There were signs that, from the start, Carl Davis would be tempted to kill by kindness: the violins' "waltz" entry after the opening fanfare was too apologetic to hold within it the vital seeds of growing tension. It was a case of a *Moderato con anima* in much more the Jungian than the strictly Italian sense.

There was certainly good playing to be heard, particularly from oboe, trombones and timpani. But the graceful anti-clockwise circle described by Mr Davis's left hand failed to work ensemble hard enough.

It was a nice piece of programming to start with Glinka's *Kamarinskaya*, for Tchaikovsky commented that this was the acorn from which the entire Russian symphonic oak was to grow.

Hilary Finch

Music Group of London
Wigmore Hall

Thirty-five years on, and the *Music Group of London* is still going strong. In some respects, of course, this piano trio has not entirely kept pace with the trends of the day. For one thing, I cannot remember when I last saw a chamber group in this hall playing under the homely shades of the lampstands. And, musically, their readings sometimes do seem to be softened by a certain old-fashioned English gentility.

But there is no question of the integrity and concentration they showed in the three works they played on Sunday. First there was Brahms's massive C major Trio, Op 87, whose complex yet predominantly vigorous and vibrantly coloured opening movement did indeed seem a touch polite but whose slow movement was majestically eloquent, thanks in no small part to Eileen Croxford's soaring cello line. The Scherzo and Finale both offered views of a brilliantly lit sound-world, with the pianist David Parkhouse's fingers working nimbly and with impeccable control.

Similarly, in Dvořák's epic F minor Trio, Op 65, finished in 1883, two years after the Brahms (there was, alas, no programme note to tell us so), but evoking somewhat darker emotions before its final exultant moments, the blessings were a little mixed. The wonderful slow movement, for instance, where violin (the ever-freshly responsive Hugh Bean) and cello are heard in close imitation, was surely too pedestrian, though elsewhere this team captured the spirit, the poignancy and the nationalistic flavour of the music well.

Between these towering masterpieces of the late 19th century came Shostakovich's wartime E minor Trio, Op 67, which though it opened disappointingly – that high cello line should be glassily bland, not ripely expressive – strode on to greater, bleaker, more brutal and sinister things.

Stephen Pettitt

Original quest

LONDON DEBUTS

London New Music is a small group of well-tried players, who include not only instrumentalists working with other contemporary music ensembles but also a couple of members who are composers in their own right. With this background the group is well placed to try out difficult new works.

Their stated aim, indeed, is to tackle "the most original and uncompromising" music, though that description would hardly fit all the works chosen for their début recital at the Purcell Room, a programme that included two world and two British premières.

There was a wide diversity of styles. At one extreme Howard Skempton's *Finding Home* used a musical language that was wholly safe and familiar, an example of tonal music at its most ingenuous; while, at the other, the avant garde struck back with Morton Feldman's *Spring of Chosroes*, an over-long violin and piano duo created from a minimum of material.

More rewarding than either of these was *From Here On Farther*, a quartet by Stefan Wolpe. Composed in 1969, this was the oldest of the works on the programme, but its score proved easily the most fresh and vital. Each instrumental part is strongly characterized and a firm hand has shaped its overall structure.

The four soloists of London New Music, led by the pianist and musical director Michael Blake, gave it a positive, lively performance. The recital then concluded with *Into Darkness* by Kevin Volans, an effective essay in hypnotic dance-like movement, just the sort of piece this group will no doubt want to explore in the future.

Richard Fairman

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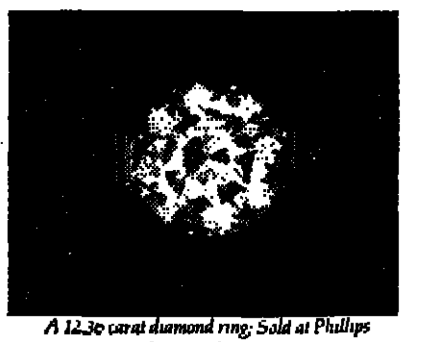

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The low point of 146 came in the wake of the near collapse of Burmah Oil.

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Maxwell buy

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No referral

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Securiguard up

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Leigh-Pemberton warns of 'price we have to pay'

Bank governor threatens crackdown on takeovers

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday called for more countries to harmonize their rules on banking supervision in the wake of the agreement between British and American authorities last month.

He also insisted that comprehensive new legislation on takeover practice would be introduced if institutions did not respect and support the authority of the Takeover Panel.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said in a speech to the Overseas Bankers Club that if the Panel was not respected, "there will be little alternative to replacing it with a more legalistic and consequently less flexible system."

This would involve the loss of speed, commonsense and flexibility displayed by the Panel in takeover matters, "but if that is the price we have to pay for effective enforcement and sanctions, then pay it we shall."

The Governor said he hoped a way would be found to strengthen the Panel's authority, drawing on the authority of the new self-regulatory organizations to be recognized by the new Securities and Investments Board later this year.

He added that according to City folklore, the Panel's authority was flouted by aggressive foreign institutions, which did not accept the position of non-statutory bodies. But he suggested this was not entirely true and that British houses had also tended to ignore the Panel's authority.

In addition, the Governor issued his strongest call so far for more countries to bring their rules on banking supervision into line with last month's agreement on capital adequacy between the US and Britain.

"The most important thing is that we should make an early start to widen the convergence initiative." He said that even if other countries were to commit themselves only in principle to following the Anglo-American initiative, it would be an important advance.

He added: "We recognize that international convergence cannot be fully or properly launched in just two centres, and I do very much hope that what we have done will be rapidly followed by other authorities — notably the Japanese and our partners in Europe."

More relaxed rules on capital adequacy for banks in Japan have come under repeated criticism by Western banks and authorities for giving an unfair competitive advantage to Japanese institutions. Talks with Japanese banking authorities have already begun, but today's call seems designed to speed up the process. Bankers believe it is increasingly likely that Japan will bring its regulations more into line with the US and Britain within the next few months.

The Governor was anxious to include European centres in the agreement in spite of criticism from European Economic Community members that the Anglo-American agreement may be illegal. He pointed out that the agreement drew on work by the Cooke Committee of international banking supervisors.

Last month's agreement between the American and British authorities on a uniform system of calculating capital ratios was designed to eliminate unfair competitive advantages for banks. The move was hailed as a milestone in banking supervision. But Mr Leigh-Pemberton said that if the initiative was not followed in other financial centres, the effectiveness of supervision in all centres would be threatened.

He said that although the agreement already meant that some American and British banks would now have to strengthen their capital, such problems were no reason to avoid taking action on convergence.

The Governor also gave warning that this year would not be easy in international debt. He suggested that various new ideas could prove useful ways of dealing with the problem of Third World debt. These included debt-equity conversion and securitization of existing debt.

Leigh-Pemberton: shoring up Takeover Panel's authority

Youth to the fore in Morgan Grenfell restructuring

Morgan Grenfell yesterday announced changes to its management structure, intended to open out the management process to more and younger employees.

The most important innovations are the creation of operations committees to head each of the group's four main areas of activity and a new supervisory committee of the group's board.

Each of the group's main divisions will have its own operating committee, which will allow a greater contribution to decision making from more staff than in the past.

The committees will be headed by Mr Micheal Dobson in asset management, Mr Richard Webb in corporate finance, Mr Christopher Whittington in debt, banking and securities, and Mr John Holmes in equity securities.

A supervisory committee, responsible for "preserving the integrity of the bank as a corporate entity as distinct from day-to-day management," is also being established. The committee will be chaired by Mr Whittington.

At the same time, Mr Webb and Mr Whittington have been appointed deputy chairmen of the banking arm, after the appointment of Sir Peter Cary as chairman 10 days ago.

Sir Peter said: "We are taking this opportunity to implement the reorganization of the group in a way that is designed to draw on our great reserves of talent and initiative, whilst at the same time enhancing the management and control of the group. The new structure will mean that a wider range of directors will be actively involved in the day-to-day management."

The reorganization follows the submission to the Bank of England last Friday of an interim report from Morgan's internal review committee, headed by Lord Catto, the chairman.

The review is expected to form the basis of talks between the Bank and Morgan on further measures to stabilize its position after revelations stemming from the Guinness affair.

Cambrian may cover lawsuit cost in accounts

By Lawrence Lever

Cambrian & General Securities, the investment trust formerly run by Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced arbitrageur, is expected to make a provision in its accounts for three law suits against Mr Boesky in which Cambrian is cited as a defendant.

The accounts are expected to be published next week. They have been delayed because the company's auditors have been investigating whether and to what extent Cambrian or its Bermudan subsidiary was used as a vehicle for Mr Boeksy's insider dealing.

No one at Cambrian would comment yesterday, but it is likely that the results of the investigation, coupled with the three law suits, will mean that Cambrian's accounts will need to be qualified by its auditors.

Mr Boesky has handed over his shareholding in Cambrian to the American authorities in part-payment of his $100 million (£66 million) penalty imposed last November. Of this amount, some $50 million was set aside to provide a fund to meet potential claims against Mr Boeksy and certain of his investment vehicles.

In the meantime, Cambrian is trying to get to the bottom of reports that its joint brokers, Seligmann Harris, were named last week as a party to an illegal transaction.

Mr Michael Davidoff, former head trader to Mr Boesky, last week pleaded guilty to charges by the US Attorney's office that he entered into a secret agreement with Seligmann Harris to disguise what government prosecutors described as "bogus trades".

Cambrian has not yet decided on what action to take in the light of the reports.

The Stock Exchange has provided the American Securities and Exchange Commission with detailed records of share deals put through Seligmann's London office.

Guinness: Lyons seeks new talks

Sir Jack Lyons, the businessman who last week admitted receiving fees "in excess of £2 million" is expected to seek a meeting with Sir Norman Macfarlane the new Guinness chairman, to explain the services he provided in return.

The payment to Sir Jack Lyons was identified by Guinness as part of £25 million worth of mystery invoices for which it had no satisfactory explanation.

Last week Guinness wrote to Sir Jack, asking for a full explanation of the "valuable advisory services" which he provided to the former Guinness board.

Sir Jack has already been interviewed by the Department of Trade inspectors investigating Guinness and is co-operating with their investigation.

Guinness has also written to Mr Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker who received approximately £3 million in fees from Guinness under another mystery invoice

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Bremner asks for DTI inspectors

By Our City Staff

The vogue for Department of Trade inspections continued yesterday with the announcement of an impending investigation into Bremner, a small Glasgow department store business.

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced his intention to appoint inspectors to look into the shareholders of the £6.7 million company, the share price of which has fluctuated between 39p and 76p over the past year.

The investigation was requested by Mr James Rowland-Jones, the chairman, who holds about 11 per cent of its shares and is under threat of being ousted by a shareholder.

The DTI notice stated that the law says inspectors must be appointed where the person asking for an investigation holds more than 10 per cent of issued shares.

Mr Rowland-Jones wants the inspectors to investigate certain share transactions over the past few months, whether various parties acquiring shares in Bremner are connected, and the price they paid.

The inquiry announcement follows abortive merger talks between Bremner and City and Westminster Financial which had bought 26.9 per cent of the company. According to Mr Rowland Jones, this stake is now held by Malaga Investments of the Isle of Man, in which City and Westminster has a 5 per cent stake.

Murdoch move on bid inquiry

Sydney (Reuter) — Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of News Corporation, yesterday attempted to overcome one of the last barriers to control of the Herald and Weekly Times media group.

News Ltd, the Australian subsidiary of News Corporation, moved to end an inquiry by Australia's radio and television licensing watchdog into its Aus$2.3 billion (£1.04 billion) bid.

Counsel for News Ltd asked the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal to indefinitely adjourn the inquiry because the H&WT board was meeting tomorrow to consider disposing of its assets in the electronic media to Australian citizens.

The inquiry was called to establish whether Mr Murdoch's bid breached a law restricting foreign ownership of Australian broadcasters to 15 per cent.

Mr Murdoch, who was born in Australia, adopted United States citizenship in 1985.

The application to adjourn met stiff resistance from other parties at the inquiry, including the Australian Journalists' Association and the John Fairfax group, which had launched a belated Aus$2.5 billion bid for H&WT.

The tribunal adjourned until later today.

Bowater appoints BTR chief

Mr Norman Ireland, finance director of the industrial conglomerate BTR, is to take over as chairman of the Bowater Group in place of the present chairman, Dr Ingram Lenton, who announced last night that he is to retire in May.

The news came as a surprise to the City, though Dr Lenton had made known he would like to retire early. "Bowater has reached the end of one phase of its development and is about to embark on another. It makes sense for me to hand over to others since I will not be around to see the next phase through to its completion," said Dr Lenton.

Under Bowater's rules, executive directors like Dr Lenton, 59, must retire before the age of 62.

The group's major interests are in packaging, building materials supply, freight forwarding.

Hill Samuel hits at doubled FAI stake

By Our Banking Correspondent

Hill Samuel yesterday sent a letter to shareholders, attacking the build-up of large shareholdings in the group as FAI, the Australian insurance company, disclosed its stake had nearly doubled to 14 per cent. Mr Larry Adler, chairman of FAI, said he may buy yet more Hill Samuel shares.

In his letter, Sir Robert Clark, chairman of Hill Samuel, said FAI was acting without consultation or agreement with the group's board. He added: "FAI should have no influence or involvement in the management of Hill Samuel or its business."

Last month, FAI disclosed it had built a 7.4 per cent stake, making it the largest shareholder. The letter says Sir Robert told Mr Adler then that shareholdings above 10 per cent were not in the group's interests.

Mr Adler said he had no intention at present of making a bid for Hill Samuel and that his holding was a long-term investment.

Larry Adler: shareholding a long-term investment

The size of FAI's holding brings it close to the 15 per cent level at which the Bank of England takes a close interest in bank shareholdings. In practice, the Bank tends to monitor shareholdings of more than 10 per cent.

£11m takeover for Taddale

Thomson T-Line, which once manufactured caravans and has set its sights on becoming an industrial holding company, yesterday agreed an £11.1 million takeover of Taddale Investments, which has had a chequered history on the over-the-counter market.

Taddale supplies cables to the petrochemical, electronics and contracting industries and designs and makes keyboards for computers. Latest half year results show pretax profits of £825,000.

US claims of trade distortion denied

Dogfight over Airbus

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Government yesterday issued a firm denial of American claims that the state-funded Airbus Industrie airplane-making consortium produced a distortion of world trade.

In response to growing US criticism of the Airbus programme, the Government countered that a lack of competition in the long-range sector — dominated by the Boeing 747 jumbo jet — created a threat of trade distortion.

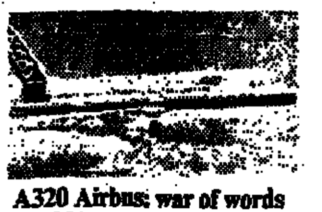
There was no evidence that the Airbus programme caused trade problems. "The Airbus has, so far, a market share of well below 20 per cent of civil aircraft sales. On the other hand, Boeing reached the highest turnover in its history last year after a boom year in 1985 and raised its net profits by 17 per cent."

A considerable factor in Boeing's success has been a lack of competition in long range aircraft, "which enables the company to use the large profits from this model for price discounts on other models."

The Government's detailed denial yesterday intensified the war of words between America and Britain over Airbus funding, a verbal confrontation that is in danger of becoming a real trade conflict.

The paper said the Airbus programme, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, was pursuing objectives explicitly outlined in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade accord on trade in civil aircraft. This was aimed at creating fair and equal conditions for competition.

There was still a great imbalance in the civil aircraft trade between Europe and the US, despite the existence of Airbus. While Europe accounted for only one quarter of the West's air traffic, more than 1,000 large passenger aircraft manufactured in the US were in use in Europe.



A320 Airbus: war of words could become trade battle

"By contrast only 60 Airbuses are currently in operation in the US, which accounts for almost half the world air traffic market."

The Government's view is that as a multi-national programme, Airbus stimulates a more balanced development of the aerospace industry in different parts of the world. With about half the lifetime content of an Airbus being American, it is argued that the Airbus programme has encouraged new developments in the US. In particular, it is stressed that international co-operation has received a strong impetus from the successful A320 programme to produce a 150-seater jet.

"The Airbus programme plays an essential part in the internationalization of the aerospace industry and the development of complex economic links. This contributes to increasing the technological potential of the industry worldwide."

The Government believes that without Airbus the development of economical and environmentally acceptable twin-engine, large capacity aircraft would have taken much longer.

"The Airbus programme has played an important part in increasing the profitability, safety, reliability and comfort of air traffic in the interest of both airlines and passengers throughout the world."

The European partners in Airbus have countered the arguments put by Boeing and the other leading US manufacturer, McDonnell Douglas, by stressing the huge amounts of US Federal money poured into the aircraft industry for defence purposes.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2165.78 (+7.74)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	20072.09 (+46.54)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2585.22 (+31.97)
Amsterdam: Gen	263.5 (+1.2)
Sydney: AO	1486.2 (−10.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1782.5 (−25.7)
Brussels:	
General	4044.91 (+0.09)
Paris: CAC	421.5 (+3.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	549.50 (+2.0)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	85.35 (+0.04)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
ICI	1296p (+43p)
Glaxo	1375p (+85p)
Unilever	2398p (+58p)
Molynx Holdings	138p (+47p)
Octopus	628p (+28p)
Body Shop	958p (+64p)
Warner Estate	915p (+25p)
Radiant Metal	210p (+25p)
Tate & Lyle	659p (+23p)
BOC Group	434p (+16p)
Fothergill	318p (+16p)
Courtaulds	396½p (+16½p)
Tarmac	487p (+17p)
Linread	118p (+16p)
Grand Met	494p (+19p)
Gus 'A'	1117p (+14p)
Reed Int	387p (+16p)
FALLS:	
Portals	283p (−15p)
Halite	193p (−37p)
Thomson T-Line	454p (−14p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank $11^{3}/_{32}$-$11^{1}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $10^{21}/_{32}$-10⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds $6^{3}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.62-5.60%*
30-year bonds $99^{25}/_{32}$-$99^{13}/_{16}$*

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $406.45 pm-$406.75
close $406.75-407.25 (£267.75-268.25)
New York:
Comex $407.80-408.30*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5185	£: $1.5245*
£: DM2.7424	$: DM1.8070*
£: SwFr2.3142	$: SwFr1.5240*
£: FFr9.1945	$: FFr6.0270*
£: Yen231.80	$: Yen152.55*
£: Index:68.4	$: Index:103.8
ECU £0.747043	SDR £0.828761

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar.) pm $18.20 bbl ($18.20)

* Denotes latest trading price

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WALL STREET

Dow recovers opening loss in moderate trade

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares recovered most of their opening losses yesterday as the market turned mixed in moderate, early trading.

Profit-taking continued to weigh on the market, with even dollar-sensitive issues taking some pressure despite renewed weakness in the US currency.

The Dow Jones industrial average, down eight points in the first half hour, stood at 2,163.95, up 5.91 at one stage when the transport average showed a loss of 1.33 at 873.55 and the utilities average 0.57 lower at 224.15.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index gained 0.32 to 274.40 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index was up 0.24 at 156.35.

Advancing shares were leading declining issues by a thin margin.

	Jan 30	Jan 29
AMR Cp	56%	58
ASA	40¼	41%
Aetna Life	60¼	61
Allied Signal	47%	46%
Allis Chalm	2%	2%
Alcoa	39%	40%
Amax Inc	14%	14%
AMR Hess	27%	27¼
Am Brands	49½	49%
Am Can	95	95¼
Am Cynmd	87½	89%
Am Ele Pwr	31%	31¼
Amex	68	69%
Am Home	82%	84%
Am Motors	3%	3
Am Stand	43	44¼
Am Telph	24%	25%
Amoco Cp	72%	71¼
Armco Steel	6%	6%
Asarco Inc	17%	17¼
Ashland Oil	58%	58%
Atl Richfld	67¼	66%
Avon Prod	30%	30%
Bk Boston	29%	29%
Bank NY	39%	39%
Bankamer	14	13%
Bkrs Tst NY	49%	49%
Beth Steel	7%	7%
Boeing	50¼	50%
Boise Casc	76¼	76%
Borden	54%	54
Borg Warnr	40%	40
Brist Myer	92%	94
BP	47%	47%
Brunswick	37¼	37%
Burl Ind	43½	43½
Burl Nth	61	61½
CBS	139%	136½
CPC Int	48	47½
Cmpbell Sp	58%	58%
Can Pacific	15	15
Caterpillar	43%	43
Celanese	242%	242½
Centrl SW	39¼	39
Champion	37%	38¼
Chase Man	39%	39¼
Chem NY	46%	47¼
Chevron	53	51½
Chrysler	48	46%
Citicorp	57	58%
Clark Eq	22%	22%
Coca Cola	42%	42%
Colgate	46%	46¼
Columb Gas	48%	49¼
Cmb'tn Eng	35	34%
Cmwlth Edi	37¼	37½
Cons Edis	49	48%
Cn Nat Gas	36	35%
Cons Pwr	17%	17%
Cont Data	27%	28
Corning Gl	56	55¼
Crane	39%	39
Curtiss Wrt	55%	56¼
Data Genl	33%	32%
Deere Cp	27¼	27
Delta Arl	55%	56%
Detroit Edi	18¼	18%
Digital Eq	145%	144%
Disney	56%	55%
Dow Chem	71%	72%
Dressr Ind	23½	23
Dupont	97%	96%
Duke Pwr	50%	51¼
East Kodak	77¼	78%
Eaton Cp	80	80%
Emerson El	100%	101%
Emery Air	13%	13
Exxon	82%	82
Fed Dpt Sts	86%	86%

	Jan 30	Jan 29
Firestone	29%	29%
Fst Chicago	32¼	32¼
Fst Int Bncp	56%	56%
Fst Penn C	9%	9¼
FT Wachva	40%	39%
Ford Motor	74%	74¼
GAF Cp	42%	42
GTE Cp	62¼	62%
Gen Cp	73%	71%
Gn Dynam	74	73%
Gen Elect	100%	100¼
Gen Inst	21%	20%
Gen Mills	48%	47%
Gen Motors	75%	74%
Gen Pub Ut	24%	23%
Genesco	4	4
Georgia Pac	46%	46%
Gillette	55%	56%
Goodrich	51	51¼
Goodyear	47%	47%
Gould Inc	18%	18%
Grace Cp	51%	52%
Grt Atl Pac	25%	25%
Greyhnd	35%	34%
Gruman	27%	27%
Gulf & West	69%	69¼
Heinz	45%	44%
Hercules	57%	58
Hewlet Pk	50%	51
Honeywell	64%	63%
IC Ind	28%	27¼
ITT Cp	58%	60%
INCO	12%	13
Ingersoll	72%	72%
Inland Steel	23%	22%
IBM	128%	128%
Int Paper	92¼	92%
Irving Bk	52	51¼
Jhsn & Jhsn	75%	76%
K Mart Cp	50	49
Kaiser Alum	15%	14%
Kerr McGee	31½	30¼
Kimbl Clark	105%	106%
Kroger	31%	31%
LTV Cp	2%	2¼
Litton	79%	78½
Lockheed	54¼	50%
Lucky Str	27	27
Man H'nver	46%	46%
Manville	1%	1%
Mapco	60%	60%
Marine Mid	50%	51
Mt Marrieta	44%	44
Masco	32%	33
Mcdonalds	68%	69
McDonnell	75%	75
Mead Cp	68%	69¼
Merck	137%	136¼
Minsta Mng	129%	129%
Mobil	43%	43¼
Monsanto	78%	77%
Morgan Jp	46%	45%
Motorola	45%	45
NCR	56%	56%
NL Indstrs	5%	5%
Nat Distil	54%	54%
Nat Md Ent	23%	23½
Nat Semi	13%	13%
Norfolk Sth	92%	91%
NW Bancrp	41%	41%
Occid Petl	32%	32½
Ogden Cp	50%	49%
Olin Cp	48%	48%
Owens Ill	60%	59%
PPG Ind	86%	85%
Pac Gas El	27	27
Pan Am	5%	5%
Penney JC	80%	80%
Pennzoil	72%	70½

	Jan 30	Jan 29
Pepsico	31¼	31%
Pfizer	67%	68%
Phelps Dod	24%	24½
Philip Mor	88%	91¼
Philip Ptrl	12%	12%
Polaroid	79%	80%
Proct Gble	88%	87%
Pub Svc Eg	42%	43¼
Raytheon	75%	75%
Rynlds Met	46%	45%
Rockwell Int	54%	54
Royal Dutch	103%	105%
SFE Sopac	31%	31%
Sara Lee	42%	43¼
Schlumb	36%	36%
Scott Pap	79	78%
Seagram	67%	67
Sears Roeb	45%	46
Shell Trans	65%	66%
Singer	45%	44½
Smithkln Bk	109¼	109%
Sony Cp	20	20%
Sth Cal Edi	36%	36%
SW Bell	116%	116%
Std Oil	55%	56
Sterl Drug	51½	51¼
Stevens JP	42%	43%
Sun Cpmp	61%	61%
TRW Inc	101	99%
Teledyne	316	314%
Tenneco	41	41
Texaco	37%	38¼
Tex Eastn	34%	33%
Tex Inst	141%	141%
Tex Util	36	36¼
Textron	62%	63%
Travelers	48%	48%
UAL Inc	53%	53%
USG	41%	41%
USX Cp	23%	22%
Unilever NV	244¼	248%
Un Carbide	25%	25%
Un Pac Cp	68¼	68%
Unisys Cp	93%	96
Utd Brands	39%	40%
Utd Tech	49%	49%
Unocal	29%	29%
Walter Jim	52%	53¼
Warn Lamb	68%	68%
Wells Far	55%	55%
Westg El	63	63½
Weyerhsr	47%	48¼
Whirlpool	34½	34%
Woolworth	42%	43%
Xerox Cp	68%	69%
Zenith	24¼	24½

CANADIAN PRICES

	Jan 30	Jan 29
Agnico Eag	29%	30%
Alcn Alum	42%	43%
Algoma Stl	11	11
Can Pacific	19%	20
Cominco	15%	15%
Con Bathrst	35	35%
Hkr Sid Can	26¼	26%
Hdsn B Min	24	23%
Imasco	33	33%
Imperial Oil	56¼	56%
In Pipe	45%	44%
Ryl Trustco	32%	32%
Seagram	89%	90
Steel Co	20%	20%
Thmsn N 'A'	31¼	31%
Varity Corp	3.35	3.00
WCT	14%	14%
Weston	35	34%

Bank to sell UK arm

New York (AP-Dow Jones): Bank of America yesterday signed a letter of intent to sell its UK mortgage lending arm, BankAmerica Finance Ltd, to the Bank of Ireland for £25 million in cash.

BankAmerica Finance has total assets of about £850 million and net assets of about £7 million. Its earnings for 1986 were estimated at £5.4 million. Its business is aimed primarily at middle and upper income groups in the South-east of England.

The Bank of Ireland said it expected to complete the transaction within the next two months, subject to the signing of a definitive agreement and regulatory clearance. It also said it plans to retain existing management.

STOCK MARKET

Soaring prices add £4bn to share values on US backing

By Michael Clark

Share prices hit their highest levels on the stock market yesterday chased by the sheer weight of money now burning holes in most fund managers' pockets.

Almost £4 billion was added to the value of quoted shares. The FT 30 share index closed below its best levels of the day. It was still 22.9 up when it closed at a new peak of 1463.9. The wider FT-SE 100 share indexwas also scaling new heights with a rise of 24.5 at 1,832.8.

Dealers reported selective support for leading shares helped by an early surge of buying from New York where the equity market has also been enjoying a record-breaking run.

Among the leaders, Glaxo jumped 85p to a new high of £13.75 helped by prospects for its new drug designed to combat schizophrenia. The group is soon to embark on a roadshow in the United States later this month and is already looking for a share quote on the Tokyo stock market. Rival Wellcome also enjoyed a 15p rise to 280p despite the news that Dr Robert Cresswell has resigned from the board.

There appears to be no stopping **Ranks Hovis McDougall**, the Bisto to Mr Kipling food group, following last week's bullish noises from Sir Peter Reynolds, chairman, at last Thursday's annual meeting. He told shareholders that the group's performance during the first quarter of the current year was substantially ahead of last time.

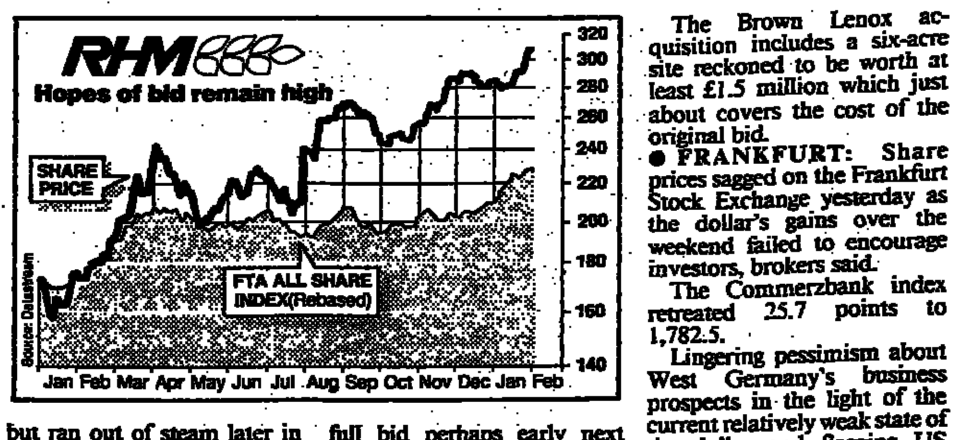
A number of analysts have now been forced to take another look at their figures for the full year. Most had been looking for pretax profits to increase from £90.8 million to £106 million, but this now appears to be on the conservative side. Interim figures from the group in May will be closely watched and are likely to be followed by a whole batch of upgradings.

The reason behind RHM's sudden new found confidence may stem from several sizeable holdings recently picked up by a couple of antipodean food manufacturers. Last summer Goodman Fielder, an Australian food group, bought S & W Berisford's 14.3 per cent stake in the company and despite assurances that the holding was purely an invetment has increased speculation that a bid is on the way.

More recently rival Fletcher Challenge, a New Zealand company, has announced a 5 per cent holding. Hopes remain high in the market that a bid will materialize.

Hillsdown Holdings is one company in the food sector that appears to have been left behind in recent weeks. This may have had something to do with its agrressive acquisition programme following its market debut in 1985. Since then it has made more than 40 acquisitions averaging one every two weeks.

But there are signs that a rerating may be due. The share price advanced 7p to 230p yesterday as more than 4 million shares changed hands.



● Sheppards, the broker, has just published its annual comprehensive review of the oil sector. Among its recommendations is Triton Europe, the exploration group with stakes in the North Sea Alba Field and Paris Basin. The shares rose 3p to 156p but are well below their peak.

Full-year figures are expected to be announced in March and should reveal some of the benefits of the group's spending spree. Pretax profits are expected to rise from £33.4 million to £51 million with the prospective p/e falls to 15. The group should be capable of nearer £90 million in the present year.

Oil shares made a firm start but ran out of steam later in the day as profit-taking developed after the sector's recent firm showing. Oil experts have been worried about supplies of crude oil being affected by the battle for Basra in the war between Iran and Iraq.

Burmah stood out with a 7p rise to 411p ahead of publication of a bullish circular from one leading firm of brokers. The price could go even better today.

Elsewhere, **BP** slipped 5p to 768p, **Britoil** 0.5 to 189.5p, **Imperial Continent Gas** 6p to 589p, **Ultramar** 1p to 185p and **Shell** a similar amount at £10.85. **London & Scottish Marine Oil** managed a small 2.5p increase at 186.5p helped by renewed bid hopes. **Rio Tinto-Zinc** has bought an extra 6.5 million shares at an undisclosed price taking its total holding up to almost 30 per cent. Marketmen are convinced that these latest purchases could be followed by a full bid perhaps early next year.

London & Northern slipped 1p to 75p after Demerger Corporation announced it had posted a document to L&N's shareholders urging them to accept its offer. But the market appears to take the view that the chances of Demerger succeeding are slim. The L&N share price now stands about 18p below the share offer and also 8p below the 81p cash alternative. Last year Demerger launched a bid for Extel, the news agency and financial information publisher, which ended in failure.

● Analysts are taking another look at their sums following Pineapple Group's acquistion of Promotion Pen for £7.5 million. Capel Cure-Myers, the broker, has upgraded its forecast of pretax profits for the present year to £1.2 million. That compares with a loss £93,000 for 1986.

British Benzol slipped 1p to 77p on profit-taking after news of last week's acquisition of Brown Lenox, the manufacturer of moble and static crushers, for £1.5 million. Early reaction from followers of the stock is favourable.

Most reckon that this latest acquisistion by Mr Malcolm Stockdale, chief executive of British Benzol, is a bargain and should make a useful and immediate contribution of about £500,000 to profits. For the present year to March 31, the market is already looking for pretax profits of about £7 million where the prospective p/e falls to less than 8. Brown Lenox is expected to contribute at least £750,000 next year for which the group has already agreed to pay a 3p dividend.

The Brown Lenox acquisition includes a six-acre site reckoned to be worth at least £1.5 million which just about covers the cost of the original bid.

● FRANKFURT: Share prices sagged on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange yesterday as the dollar's gains over the weekend failed to encourage investors, brokers said.

The Commerzbank index retreated 25.7 points to 1,782.5.

Lingering pessimism about West Germany's business prospects in the light of the current relatively weak state of the dollar and flagging US economic growth dominated the market, brokers said.

"The market on Monday underlined the assumption that the recovery we had on Friday was just a technically based reaction and not an upturn," said one analyst.

The worried market overlooked the dollar's recovery, brokers said. The US unit moved up to a Frankfurt foreign exchange fixing rate of DM1.8182 from DM1.8085 on Friday.

Market sectors with strong export businesses were hardest hit, especially cars, machinery and electricals. Banks were also sharply lower.

● TOKYO: Share prices edged up on heavy volume, after profit-taking undercut a stronger advance.

Observers said a delayed reaction to Friday's news of the US December trade figures caused shifting trading patterns which undercut a strong early advance.

Although the news that the US trade deficit had narrowed unexpectedly to $10.66 billion (£7.05 billion) in December reinforced confidence in a stabilization of the yen-dollar rate, reports indicated that protectionist trade legislation will be introduced in Washington regardless of the figures. That prompted profit-taking in export-led stocks.

The Nikkei Dow Jones index closed up 49.54 at 20,072.09.

● SYDNEY: Share prices dropped again yesterday, the fifth day of declines, but many issues rebounded a bit in the afternoon.

Brokers said there was not much selling pressure and the week-long fall might be ending. The decline on Wall Street on Friday and drop in the gold price were cited as causes for the weak opening.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	6,200	Gen Accident	698	Rank Hovis	2,200
Amstrad	9,500	GEC	7,900	Reckitt Colman	356
ASDA-MFI	10,000	Glaxo	7,200	Redland	361
Ass Br Foods	1,900	Granada	1,800	Reed Int	2,900
BET	830	Grand Met	9,100	Reuters	412
BTR	1,300	GUS 'A	453	RTZ	2,000
BAT	3,100	GRE	323	Rowntree	1,700
Barclays	1,000	GKN	4,600	Royal Ins	1,000
Bass	603	Guinness	4,700	Saatchi	770
Beecham	3,900	Hanson	7,900	Sainsbury (J)	178
Blue Circle	77	Hawker Siddeley	661	Scot Newell	661
BOC	2,700	Hillsdown .	4,000	Sears	4,500
Boots	7,600	Imp Chem Ind .	3,300	Sedgwick Gp	955
BPB Ind	1,000	Imp Cont Gas .	724	Shell	1,100
Br Aerospace	1,700	Jaguar	949	Smith & Nephew	1,900
Br Gas	27,000	Ladbroke	878	STC	3,700
Br Petroleum	3,400	Land Securities	1,800	Stan Chart	164
Br Telecom	6,100	Legal & Gen	1,200	Storehouse	1,900
Britoil	3,100	Lloyds	1,300	Sun Alliance	208
Burton	3,800	Lonhro	1,500	Tarmac	2,000
Cable & Wireless	6,700	Marks & Spencer	4,600	TSB P/P	3,900
Cadbury Schwep	2,000	Midland	1,100	Tesco	458
Coats Viyella	338	Nat West	854	Thorn EMI	748
Com Union	6,600	P & O Dfrd	1,200	Trafalgar House	906
Cons Goldfields	525	Pearson	274	Trusthouse Forte	3,300
Cookson Gp	598	Pilkington Bros	1,300	Unilever	453
Courtaulds	2,700	Plessey	10,000	Utd Biscuits	3,100
Dee Corp	2,800	Prudential	766	Wellcome	4,600
Dixons Gp	5,200	Racal Elect	6,900	Whitbread 'A'	1,400
Fisons	1,100	Rank Org	479	Woolworth	893

Black Tower falls to Cellars

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

European Cellars (EC), the joint venture in light wines launched six months ago by Allied-Lyons and Whitbread, yesterday bought out the producers of West Germany's second-biggest wine brand, Black Tower.

It is likely to prove a key move by EC as it pursues its strategy of becoming a strong international force in wine sales. EC's aim is to seize leadership in the international light wine market, taking on opponents like Grand Metropolitan's IDV and Seagram.

The purchase, from the family-controlled Hermann Kendermann for an undisclosed sum, is the first by EC since it was formed by the two big brewers to bring together Allied's wines subsidiary, Grants of St James's, and Whitbread's Stowells of Chelsea.

Kendermann, with an annual turnover of £28.5 million, will increase sales at EC by nearly 12 per cent to close on £280 million.

It is likely to prove the first of a number of acquisitions as EC attempts to further build up its portfolio of international brands.

Kendermann was established in 1947 and has been run by the two sons of the fonnder, Hans-Walter and Jurgen Kendermann. The family developed the Black Tower brand over the last 10 years, selling the premium hock in distinctive rough-surfaced black crock bottles with high shoulders. There is a sparkling version of the brand.

Among West German exports, Black Tower volume sales overall are beaten only by the Blue Nun brand of German-based Sichel. But EC, which already has Langenbach Crown of Crowns among its brands, claims that with Kendermann it will be the biggest German wine exporter. Wine production in Germany is highly fragmented, with only a few large concerns established so far.

In the premium German wines sector in the British market, Black Tower stands second to Blue Nun, while Langenbach is the third-largest seller. Black Tower has a similar placing in the United States but is market leader in Canada and Australia.

Mr Mike Hearder, EC's chief executive, said: "We will be able to use our marketing resources to build on the already considerable success of Black Tower."

There are comparatively few widely sold international brands of table wines; Blue Nun and Black Tower are German wines in this category, while Le Piat d'Or, one of IDV's brands, is an international contender from the French wines.

A key reason for the establishment of EC is the continued substantial growth of wine sales in a number of markets. The big surge in table wine sales in Britain, which saw a 67 per cent increase in consumption of still light wines between 1980 and 1985, has now steadied with the rise in 1985 estimated at possibly more than 5 per cent.

The expectation in the trade is for a continued growth rate of between 4 and 5 per cent up to 1990.

West German wine sales in Britain have virtually doubled since the late seventies and now account for about 28 per cent of table wines sold in Britain. The retail value of German wine in Britain amounts to about £420 million.

EC forecasts good growth rates in a number of international markets, notably the United States and Japan.

COMPANY NEWS

● WICKES — UK: The company has arranged a £30m, eight-year, unsecured facility to be made available by a syndicate of international banks led by SG Warburg & Co. Wickes and the banking syndicate will form a joint venture property company. Wickes will be entitled to most of the growth in the value of the properties owned by the joint company. Berners Street Properties will be owned by the joint company and will be financed by a combination of bank debt and subordinated loans. Berners will purchase edge-of-town sites which will be leased on commercial terms.

● JEFFERSON SMURFIT: The company has exercised part of its option, negotiated with the Container Corporation of America, to purchase all or part of the overseas interests of CCA at their dollar book value at 31/12/85. CCA has subsidiaries in Columbia, Venezuela, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Italy, Spain and The Netherlands. The group has exercised this option in respect of Italy, Spain and The Netherlands. Because of the fall in the value of the dollar on which the price is based, the group will now acquire net assets of Ir£31m for a price of Ir£14m. Pretax and interest profits approximated Ir£10m last year on sales of £130m.

● HAYNES PUBLISHING GROUP: Results for the six months to November 30. Interim 5p (same). Figures in £000s. Turnover UK and exports 4,207 (3,624), N America 1,601 (1,428), making 5,808 (5,052). Trading profit UK 600 (660), N America 90 (107). Rent receivable 35 (34). Interest receivable 10 (49). Interest payable 3 (nil). Profit before tax and extraordinary items 732 (850). Tax UK 224 (291), N America 37 (46). Profit before extraordinary items 471 (513). Earnings per share 9.42p (10.26p).

● ELDERS IXL: Elders International Wool (UK) has signed an agreement to acquire W Fein and Sons (Holdings) for £6 million. Elders Int Wool (UK) is responsible for the European activities of the Australian-based Elders International Wool, a processor of Australian and New Zealand wool and worldwide trader of raw and processed wool.

● LAMONT HOLDINGS: The disposal company, has sold its subsidiary Lamont Life Assurance to Callearl for £930,000. The company says it is making this disposal as the business of Lamont Life is no longer compatible with its longer term objectives for development within the textile sector.

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● TEXTURED JERSEY: Results for six months to the end of October, figures in £000. Operating profit of 764 (846) on turnover of 9370 (8716). Pretax profit 316 (533), tax 111 (213), depreciation 355 (338), interest payable 93 (75), exceptional receipt nil (100), eps 5.27p (8.27p). A dividend for the period of £2.25p (2.25p) will be paid on April 1. Since the end of the half year the company has built a new dyehouse in Leicester from which benefits from the additional capacity will not be felt until the final weeks of the current year. The business has incurred significant increases in costs and thus profitability has been adversely affected. Demand for products remain encouraging.

● RADAMEC GROUP: The company is buying the premises it leases at Chertsey, Surrey, in a £1m deal to be financed by loans of £800,000 and £200,000, both secured on the property. The loans have terms of 10 years including a three year grace period. The cost of the loan finance is expected to initially be higher than the rent being paid but lower than the rent which would otherwise have been paid following a rent review due this March. The purchase of the freehold is not therefore expected to affect the company's profits.

● JARVIS PORTER GROUP: Agreement has been reached to purchase Spreckley & Eveans from Sonocouk Ltd for a cash consideration of £1.2m. Spreckley is a manufacturer of strung (swing) tickets for garments, furniture and household goods and also produces wallets and tickets for travel documents. Results for the year to November 30 show pretax profit of £216,000 on turnover of £1.3m. The group is also strengthening its options of Jarvis Porter (Scotland) with a capital injection of about £500,000

● GIBBS & DANDY: The company has exercised its option to buy a seven-acre site in Luton, for £550,000 cash.

National & Provincial

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Lending to home buyers —a record £1,418 million.

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We are also greatly encouraged by a 10% increase in our lending to first-time buyers. This was predominantly in the latter part of the year and was a direct result of our initiative in offering them a 0.25% discount on mortgages guaranteed until the end of 1987.

The surplus before tax for 1986 rose by £13.0 million to £61.0 million. Net investment was the highest ever at £474 million against £471 million and National & Provincial's assets passed £6 billion for the first time at £6,047 million, up £764 million. The reserves increased by £39.1 million to £238.9 million, the largest increase ever recorded, and the reserve ratio improved further from 3.78% to 3.95%.

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	1986 £ million	1985 £ million
Total income	689.5	638.1
Total expenditure	628.5	590.0
Surplus before taxation	61.0	48.1
Taxation	22.0	17.8
Net surplus transferred to General Reserve	39.1	30.3
General Reserve at end of year	238.9	199.8

ASSETS	1986 £ million	1985 £ million
Mortgage assets	4,901	4,220
Investments and cash	1,069	989
Fixed and other assets	77	74
Total assets	6,047	5,283

MORTGAGES & INVESTMENTS	1986 £ million	1985 £ million
Total advances	1,418	1,090
Net investment receipts (retail)	230	209
Net investment receipts (wholesale)	244	262

CUSTOMER INFORMATION	1986	1985
Number of new advances	57,875	49,325
Number of further advances for home improvements	27,742	23,714
Size of average advance	£22,475	£20,210
Number of mortgage accounts	315,134	307,264

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Fitton for the top

If his track record is anything to go by, the appointment of Andrew Fitton as chief executive of engineering group Braithwaite, should bode well for its future. Fitton, aged 30, was awarded the post yesterday after raising his holding in the group to 29.8 per cent, via an off-the-shelf company called Extracharm, in which he was a joint investor with Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank.

He made his first major business conquest five years ago when he was made managing director of a privately-owned computer-leasing group, Megaleasing. Within three years, he turned it round from losses of more than £400,000 to profits of £400,000 and, in 1986, it is expected to have made at least £900,000 — averaging a profit growth rate of more than 100 per cent a year.

Fitton has already achieved his only admitted ambition — to become a millionaire by the age of 30. So what next? "I've always wanted to show that age was not important, and I've done that," he says. "All I want to do now is run a very large conglomerate."

His hero? "Above anybody else, Lord Weinstock." Good to hear he still has at least one fan.

"I'd like to see the Takeover Panel handle this one"

Heard this?

Having Big Brother listening in to every telephone conversation is something that stockbrokers in post-Big Bang dealing rooms are now used to. As a matter of course, almost all conversations are taped to ensure that any disagreements over who offered what, and to whom, can be settled unequivocally.

But I hear that dealers in at least two market-makers' offices have been horrified to find that when tapes are played back, Big Brother's hearing is all too sensitive. The bugging devices are not, as had been generally assumed, restricted to the routine "buy this" and "sell that" chat of the telephones.

It seems they are also being used to eavesdrop on general dealing room conversation. This startling revelation has led to a number of embarrassed faces among junior dealing staff who could be heard, loudly and clearly, criticising, often in indelicate language, their superiors.

Fraser banker

It's always good to hear that a director has bought shares in his company, especially if he's been prepared to pay significantly more than the market rate. Sir Ian Fraser, former head of Lazards merchant bank, became deputy-chairman of the TSB just before its flotation last year. But, because he is a mere non-executive director, he failed to qualify for an employee preferential application and his ordinary application was unsuccessful in the ballot. In the immediate after-market, he paid an average price of more than 80p a share for his holding of 10,000, compared with a current partly-paid price of 78p and an issue price of just 50p. It means his investment is showing a loss of around £500.

- **Heard the latest City joke? Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the City broking firm, is changing its name to . . . Alexanders Laing & Shank.**

Jumbo crack

The apotheosis of Lord King, figuratively of course, will take place on Friday when rising on a specially designed Saatchi & Saatchi cloud he will look serenely down on the oversubscription of the British Airways issue. It has been a long and difficult ride and not a short road to a peerage since John King accepted Mrs Thatcher's invitation to head BA in 1981. But the time has not passed without humour. A fellow peer, recently returned by BA 747 from New York, chanced to meet him in the Lords. "How was it?" Lord K inquired. "Do you want the truth, or shall I tell you what I know you want to hear?" asked the noble lord.

"What I want to hear, you fool." Shrewd man, JK.

Carol Leonard

IN THE MARKET

Tokyo switches tactics to use banking muscle

Markets have just had sight of three sets of important trade figures — or four, including those of Britain which has a walk-on part in this piece of global street theatre.

They were the best of figures, they were the worst of figures. The US deficit came down, but German and Japanese surpluses soared. This is odd in itself. Media and market attention focused on the US trade data. But the real story lay elsewhere — how will the US Federal Reserve cope with maverick monetary aggregates which indirectly may reflect German or Japanese surpluses?

The US trade deficit might have been $30 billion (£19.8 billion), reportedly the figure which made the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, reach for the bourbon in early January.

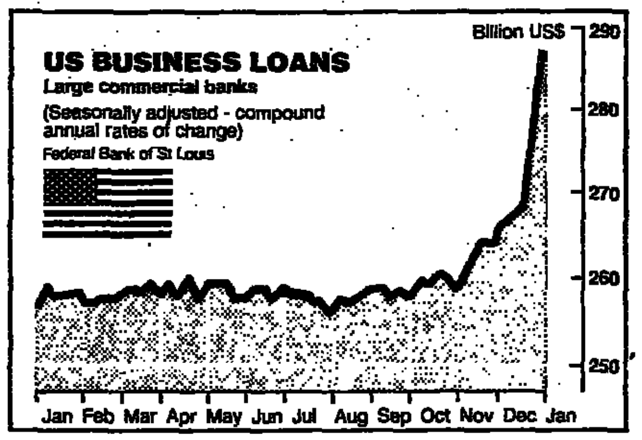
The $10 billion deficit signalled that a fresh set of policy imperatives was swinging, albeit temporarily, into play. The dollar bounced against the mark and yen, on the assumption that the hard men of world monetarism were back in the policy driving seat.

Better trade figures mean the US may be benefiting at last from J-curve devaluation effects. The dollar can stabilize; US rates should remain where they are. Monetary policy will not loosen further; liquidity-driven Wall Street looks toppy; Frankfurt, by extension, is cheap.

The fact that both Frankfurt and Tokyo took steps last week to cut rates lends some support to this causal chain of reasoning. German call rates have fallen to about 4 per cent. The Japanese cut the coupon on the new February benchmark issue by 0.3 percentage point to 5 per cent. Such a move tends to presage a discount rate cut in Japan. The dollar was propelled upwards by any number of combustion forces.

But no one is pretending that the policy differences now rending the Reagan cabinet have been resolved. Last week saw a ferocious attack on Mr Donald Regan, chief of the White House staff. The next few weeks might witness an equally tough counter-attack, as the Fed comes under increasing pressure to cut the discount rate, after the US Treasury auctions are completed.

Paul Volcker: has he devastated his own bond market?



It is the very fact that dissent exists within the US which gives German and Japanese trade data such importance. Both countries are simply getting stronger.

In December, the German trade surplus surged to $6.5 billion, making a current account total for 1986 of $44 billion. Japan's current account surplus in December was $9.4 billion, bringing the full-year total to $86 billion.

These surpluses are very high, and arguably the counterpart to the US deficit. They may not fall quickly. Export volume growth for both countries was very sluggish, indicating that the surpluses are effectively terms of trade cash gains from Sheikh Yamani's ill-fated bid to get the oil price down.

Conceptually, dollars held by countries in surplus trade with the US finish up in the US securities market. The volume inflows of cash, almost the counterpart of excess US monetary growth, drive yields down at the short end, reducing real interest rates to levels which are inconsistent with the dollar's role as a declining weak currency. The yield gap differential which opens up between bonds and equities tends to favour equities.

This is one reason why Wall Street has boomed. Ultimately, excess liquidity alters investor preference. The current equity lift-off may well be an advance indicator of more inflation ahead. In the long run, US bond yields may have to rise.

The Japanese provide an extra twist to the story. Latest data from the Bank for International Settlements suggests that Japan has now taken to hedging its exposure to the falling dollar in the bond market by borrowing through the US banking system.

Japan is exploiting the fact that its banking system, measured in terms of international assets, is getting on for double the size of American counterparts.

The switch in tactics by the Japanese, if true, makes the US bond market residually unstable. Japanese investors will be tempted to dump stock if the net cost of running positions turns negative. On this basis, the Fed will have to think very carefully about tightening US monetary policy.

But the Fed will have to step very warily, if it pays any attention at all to the component elements of US monetary growth. Total time deposits in US commercial banks have rocketed ahead in recent weeks. They are now growing at approximately 8 per cent compound. The growth may stem from the New Year change in the US fiscal regime. Conversely, some analysts claim that the Japanese are simply depositing their surplus dollars with US banks, not in the US Treasury market.

This line of analysis would be tediously academic, except for the fact that US business loans have taken off since last November even more rapidly than time deposits. From a completely static position of close on $250 billion, a position which has barely varied over the years, loan demand has achieved a kind of vertical lift-off. The compound growth rate is nearly 40 per cent. In the past, loan demand growth on this scale would have seen the Fed shoving its foot down hard on the monetary brakes.

Is the US economy now surging ahead, after more than just a few quarters of static growth, and huge injections of cheap credit by the Fed? Has the Fed chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, achieved the desired result with the US real economy, only to run the risk now of devastating his own bond market?

The Japanese read the US money statistics, too. No wonder they remain inscrutable ahead of the Treasury auctions.

Christopher Dunn

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Uneasiness at the New York Federal Reserve

Robin Leigh-Pemberton and Gerald Corrigan, president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, sang in close harmony of convergence at last night's Overseas Bankers Club annual banquet. They also showed their acute sensitivity to wild notes and discordant brass in today's frenzied financial markets.

Mr Corrigan confessed to "a nagging sense of unease as to how well financial markets and institutions are serving" their basic purpose of allocating the world's scarce savings in the most productive and efficient manner. We are seeing an unprecedented wave of change and innovation at a time when modern technology and the application of sophisticated mathematics have brought new elements of speed and complexity into the marketplace "and in the process amplified incentives to take advantage of domestic and international differences in laws, regulations, tax and accounting practices."

"If it can't be done on the balance sheet, it is done off the balance sheet; if it can't be done onshore, it's done offshore; and, of it can't be done with a tried and trusted instrument, it is done with a new one."

While therefore internationally harmonious banking standards are important, they are in President Corrigan's view only part of the task. He singled out four other areas for action: (1) convergence in securities market regulations; (2) the reliance and stability of the international payments system where dollar-denominated payments alone can exceed $1 trillion a day; (3) the powers and privileges granted to financial institutions operating on foreign soil; and (4) the reshaping, in various countries, of legislative and regulatory framework in which banking and financial institutions operate must come to grips with differences in data reporting and consolidation requirements, tax policies, disclosure rules and accounting standards.

On the third of these, Mr Corrigan issued a thinly disguised but serious warning to the Japanese:

"The policy of national treatment (the same privilges and responsibilities on foreign as on US domestic banks) is coming under attack in the US amid perceptions that US firms are not always treated even-handedly in certain other countries....We must recognize that protectionism in banking and finance is susceptible to those same insidious forces that we all fear on the trade side; in short, once unleashed, it is very difficult to know where it will stop."

Looking at some of the answers, Mr Corrigan saw as an essential first step US federal legislation that would close the "non-bank" loophole, which if were note done "could be the vehicle that effectively undermines the historic separation of banking and commerce." But wisely he was determined to disabuse anyone of the idea that government can provide all the answers. "Public policy alone cannot and should not bear the full burden of adjustment. To the contrary, the initial and primary responsibility for ensuring that our banking and financial institutions are fulfilling their role in a safe and stable manner lies not with the authorities but with the managers of these institutions.

He was then back to his sense of unease, to which three things had helped to give rise.

(1) Since 1984 the wave of takeovers, buyouts and buybacks has resulted in a cumulative net retirement of $230 billion non-financial coporate equity in the US. Over the same period, non-financial corporate debt has risen by $480 billion.

(2) The volume of trading activity and the volatility of financial markets have mushroomed in part because computer-driven programme trading strategies now unleash huge buy and sell orders that have little or no relationship to economic fundamentals.

(3) Attracted by the action and by lofty compensation rates, the best and brightest from our universitites flock to Wall Street while the competitiveness of our manufacturing sector and thus our ability to wind down our masive deficit in an orderly way persist.

We may not have seen much of point 2 in this country yet but points 1 and 2 have as very familiar ring. And as Mr Corrigan said you cannot take financial discipline and stability for granted.

Rate-cutting with M0

An important obstacle threatening to stand in the way of lower base rates in Britain has been removed. M0, the Chancellor's pet monetary target, was in danger of turning into his little embarrassment, bursting through the top of its target range in the run-up to the Budget.

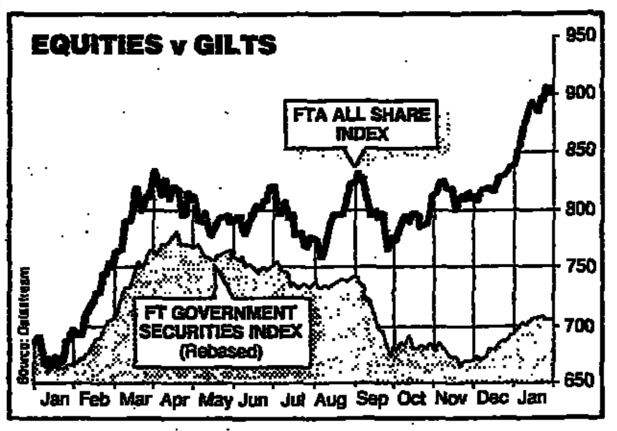
Now, it seems, the worries about M0 were overdone. The Bank of England's weekly returns for January suggest that, far from starting to overshoot, the narrow-money aggregate is about to tuck back into the middle of its 2 to 6 per cent target range.

With sterling M3 slowing down, thanks to some excellent borrowing figures, and the pound having come through January without a whiff of crisis, the prospect for a trimming of rates, at Budget time if not before, has improved.

The gilt market has been working on the assumption that base rates cuts will come in spite of misbehaving M0. The prospect of more soundly based rate cuts, is a more attractive one for the market.

TEMPUS

Tory victory vital for gilts and equities



Equities have done well under the Conservatives. Every year, for the last seven years, the market return on equity investment has averaged a staggering 25 per cent. The first month of 1987 alone has seen equities rise by 7 per cent.

Gilts, on the other hand have shown little strength. The British gilt market began seriously to underperform equities last August, when there were worries about the money supply and the trade figures were worsening.

Meanwhile, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was due to have yet another meeting and there were fears that there would be chaos in oil markets.

On top of all this, the Chancellor's autumn statement seemed to make a virtue of higher government spending. All eyes focused fearfully on public expenditure, forgetful that the revenue side of the economic equation was ticking along quite happily. Since November, there has been a modest rally in gilts. This continued into January as sterling's unexpected strength removed the threat of any need for a rise in interest rates.

But it petered out in mid-January, since when, gilt prices have been treading water. Yields seem to be stuck at the 10 per cent level, 2.7 times the yield on equities, and this yield ratio is at its highest since 1981.

Equities have not only been chasing Wall Street up, they have also been taking their cue from those opinion polls which are predicting a win for the Conservatives at the next election.

Gilts, meanwhile, have been more closely influenced by the short-term British economic outlook and the prospects for world interest rates.

Mr Bob Semple, market analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, finds it hard to see why sentiment should change in the short term.

Interest rates worldwide are expected to come down this year, but cuts are likely to be small. Meanwhile, the market is worried about the possibility of overheating in the British economy, combined with a big deficit on the balance of payments. Sterling may also weaken.

Any outcome other than a Conservative victory, he believes, spells disaster for equities — with the possible exception of the truly international stocks.

A Conservative victory, on the other hand, will be good news for both gilts and equities. Given that the equity market has already seen 7 per cent of the 17 per cent total return which Mr Semple predicts for the full year, the prospect of a 24 per cent return on gilts looks attractive on a one-year view.

Guinness

One thing that Guinness shareholders can hardly complain of these days is a lack of information on the affairs of their company. Since the turn of the year there have been almost daily revelations. But, apart from last week's news of a delay in payment of the next dividend, very little of it has dealt with their major concern, how the business is faring.

Meantime, they might like to know that, so far, the catastrophic fall in the share price has little to do with the fundamental prospects for Scotch whisky.

The long-standing problem of surplus stocks is becoming more manageable. According to leading watchers of the industry, like Campbell Neill, the stockbroker, stocks have fallen to 7.7 years' consumption, the lowest ratio since 1960.

Exports, vital for Guinness's Distillers subsidiary, which does the vast bulk of its business away from these shores, have stabilized after the distortions of the past 18 months and are likely to show volume growth of around 2 per cent annually over the next three years.

About a third of malt distilleries have closed since 1979 and with stocks in better balance, there are prospects of some modest growth in output. The continuing rationalization of Distillers should produce handsome benfits for the group, but the key questions are still on the marketing side. There is still much to do here, especially in the US.

With earnings of around 30p per in prospect for 1986 and a 10 per cent rise possible for the current year, the shares are hardly over-rated at today's 292p, even allowing for the uncertainty of the Department of Trade and Industry inspection.

Securiguard Grp

Securiguard Group's latest set of figures has re-established market confidence in the USM security group.

The 40 per cent increase in the pretax profit to £1 million for the year to October 26 puts the group firmly back on the growth path after a distastrous acquisition the previous year.

The company is now well positioned to take advantage of the strong underlying growth in the security sector. And the messenger services should show good growth in the years to come.

It was a recovery year in 1986. Margins widened from 4 per cent to 5.1 per cent and are forecast to widen further. Turnover should grow steadily and an analyst, Mr Mark Shepperd, of the stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, predicts that the group will make £1.5 million this year.

The share price has recovered from its 1986 low of 62p and is now 146p, safely above the placing price of 134p. At this level, the shares are on a 12 times prospective multiple, which is not giving much away.

Marketing is the key to City's international success

It is now three months since the introduction of Big Bang, with City financial institutions operating in an environment of freer competitive market conditions. What have been the consequences so far? Who are the winners and losers? Which institutions have made profits and which have found the going more difficult?

Firm conclusions on all these questions may have to wait, but already it is clear that the market-makers are prospering while others are having a more difficult time. For their part, fund managers are insisting on a total service composed of vigorous research into individual industry and company situations, the most cost-effective market-making and the most efficient sales effort on their behalf.

And although international institutions, such as Nomura Securities, are beginning to bring their resources together for the penetration of London financial markets, competition at the international level has yet to develop real intensity.

Most United Kingdom-owned financial institutions have prepared themselves to meet the changed competitive environment in ways they best understand. The City's corporate finance skills have been much in evidence in bringing about the new and larger groupings necessary to establish market power and offer the sophisticated range of financial services required to compete effectively in an international money market.

When all the structures have been put in place, the companies that will ultimately prove successful in international financial markets will be those that have a carefully thought out marketing strategy extending over a five- to ten-year period and, most important, have recruited or have available already the quality of senior staff who have the marketing skills and outlook to implement the strategy.

The purpose of acquisition strategies is to enhance existing and future market positions. Directors and senior managers operating in bigger groups then have the responsibility to develop their marketing processes by setting aside resources for research into market structures, customer or client requirements, the development of new, customer-based services and the promotional expertise to communicate with institutional customers and private clients.

Marketing strategies depend on research-based statistical information intended to enable directors to define their market opportunities for the development of new financial services at a profit.

Directors need to have a clear understanding — which they then communicate to their staff subordinates — of the portfolio of customers their business intends to serve, since it is rare for a business to be able to serve the whole spectrum of customers.

Directors need the market information to set profit targets for each market segment and the more important customers that each business decides to serve: scarce sales and technical resources will then be allocated to meet the needs of selected target markets and the appropriate organizational structures evolved to develop profitable customer relationships.

Many British-owned City institutions are now undergoing the difficult creative process of establishing new marketing strategies to fit the new market environment.

They understand that future success in the City centres on the quality of their marketing effort. They are already undertaking vigorous detailed audits of their marketing capability before the competitive pressures become really fierce.

Marketing success requires premium services differentiated from competitors' services by positive branding — careful promotion of the premium value of each financial service — professionally trained and disciplined sales groups supported by effective computer-based management information systems.

International competition between financial service businesses requires human skills that involve a combination of technical achievement with a high work rate from Board level all the way through every level of staff.

It is worth remembering that in the foreseeable future, there will be no weak markets in financial services where competition is soft. But to win in an increasingly competitive environment requires professional marketing skills necessary to develop new services, company environments which encourage innovation and risk-taking and, more particularly, the encouragement of professional marketing and sales effort.

Roland Smith

Among his City appointments, Professor Smith is president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society

- **ARAN ENERGY:** Results for the nine months to September 30 in Ir£000. Revenues 18,682 (24,350); pretax profit 275 (1,710); tax 500 (1,013); net loss 225 (697 profit); minority shareholders interests 35 (2). The company says it has been affected by the downturn in the industry but successful exploration and appraisal programmes last year have greatly increased its reserves and it was optimistic about its performance in 1987.

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ON BEHALF OF

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT

Under the offer for sale in the United Kingdom and separate offerings in the United States, Canada, Japan and Switzerland up to 720,200,000 Ordinary shares of 25p each are being offered at 125p per share of which 65p is payable now and 60p is payable on 18th August, 1987.

The Council of The Stock Exchange has authorised the issue of this document under section 154(1)(b) of the Financial Services Act 1986, which enables it to do so without approving the contents hereof.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the whole of the issued share capital of the Company to be admitted to the Official List.

APPLICATIONS, DEALING AND INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Applications

Applications must be received by *10.00 a.m. on Friday, 6th February, 1987*. In applying for shares, you will be treated as applying both on the terms and conditions set out below and on the basis of the full prospectus, which together govern your rights and obligations. If you need advice, you should consult your bank manager, stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other professional adviser.

You are advised to read the full prospectus before completing and returning an application form.

Allocations

The basis of allocation of the shares is expected to be announced by 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11th February, 1987. If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent a renounceable letter of allocation for the shares allocated to you. If there is heavy demand for the shares, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for or none at all. If your application is not accepted or is only accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) all money paid on application or a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. In particular, but without limitation:—

(i) Any application, which (alone or when taken in conjunction with any other application made by or on behalf of the same applicant or by or on behalf of a person who the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds for believing (a) is associated with that applicant, or (b) would, if that applicant held any shares, be or be taken to be interested in such shares for the purpose of the Articles of Association of the Company dealing with restrictions on substantial interests in shares) is for more than 72,020,000 shares (10 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company) will be rejected to the extent that it exceeds that number. It may also be further scaled down.

(ii) The Secretary of State reserves the right to reject or scale down applications for shares in which non-UK nationals would have any direct or indirect interest if, after consultation with the Directors, it appears that if such applications were to be accepted in accordance with the basis of allocation the Directors would expect to have to make an application to the Secretary of State as described under "Restrictions on Ownership of Shares" in Part III of the full prospectus.

Dealings

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will commence at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th February, 1987. It is expected that renounceable letters of allocation will be sent to applicants allocated shares under the offer for sale on Monday, 16th February, 1987 and that initial dealings will be for deferred settlement on Wednesday, 18th February, 1987. Dealing instructions will be set out in the letter of allocation; **applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of allocation will do so at their own risk.**

Instalment arrangements

The offer for sale price is 125p per share, of which 65p is payable now and 60p by no later than 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th August, 1987.

If you do not pay the final instalment in respect of any share, the Secretary of State could resell that share or take proceedings to recover the final instalment. In any event, you would lose your right to all extra shares under the loyalty bonus arrangements described below. In the case of a resale of a share, you would be paid a sum equal to the amount of the first instalment paid for that share without interest, less any loss (including expenses) which the Secretary of State may have suffered as a result of your failure to pay. The Secretary of State may, at his discretion, accept late payment of the final instalment and, if he does so, is entitled to demand interest on the overdue amount.

An instalment reminder will be sent to your address on the register. You should therefore promptly notify any change of address, following the instructions set out on the letters of allocation and on the interim certificates.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FULL PROSPECTUS

Copies of the full prospectus are available until the offer for sale closes at all UK branches of Lloyds Bank Plc, all branches of Bank of Ireland in Northern Ireland and certain principal branches of Bank of Scotland, Barclays Bank PLC and National Westminster Bank PLC, at the offices of the brokers to the offer and regional coordinators and from the registered office of the Company. The full prospectus has been published in the Financial Times and the Daily Telegraph on Friday, 30th January, 1987.

LOYALTY BONUS ARRANGEMENTS

Individuals who continue to hold shares bought in the offer for sale until 3.00 p.m. on 28th February, 1990 will receive from HM Government a bonus of one free share for every ten shares so held, subject as provided below. The maximum number of additional shares you can receive is 400. Fractions of shares will be ignored. The share bonus does not apply to shares bought after the offer for sale.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the loyalty share bonus, you must be an individual investing solely for your own benefit (or investing jointly with not more than three others who must be individuals, solely for the benefit of one or more of you). Applications made by individuals for the benefit of children will also qualify for the share bonus. Companies, partnerships, firms, trusts, associations and clubs are not eligible, but they may apply as nominees for eligible individuals or as plan managers of personal equity plans jointly with eligible plan investors.

If you are an eligible individual or applying on behalf of an individual who is eligible for the share bonus, you should write **YES** in Box 4 of the public application form.

Applications by nominees

Nominees (including personal equity plan managers) may only receive the share bonus on behalf of eligible individuals and, in such a case, the nominee (or plan manager) must apply jointly on a single public application form together with no more than three such individuals by entering the nominee's (or the plan manager's) own name in Box 1 of the application form and the name(s) of such individual(s) in Box 8. The nominee (or plan manager) should sign Box 6 of the application form. Box 8 should be signed by the individual(s), or (if he is duly authorised to do so) by the nominee (or plan manager) on behalf of such individual(s), but power(s) of attorney must be enclosed for inspection. A nominee means a person who retains no beneficial interest in the shares nor any right to acquire such an interest from the beneficial owner(s).

RESTRICTIONS ON OWNERSHIP OF SHARES

Rights of British Airways to operate, in particular on international routes, could be withdrawn if the Company ceased to be substantially owned and effectively controlled by UK nationals. Accordingly, the Articles of Association contain powers which may be used to limit the number or voting rights of shares in which non-UK nationals own interests or, if necessary, to require their compulsory disposal, or to restrict the transferability of shares.

These powers include the power to impose an overall limit of not less than 25 per cent. on the number of shares ("Relevant Shares") in which non-UK nationals have any direct or indirect interest, as widely defined in the Articles. They are, however, only exercisable if, on the application of the Directors, the Secretary of State determines that it is necessary to use such powers to protect BA's operating rights because action affecting such rights has occurred or is contemplated, threatened or intended or may occur because of the ownership or control of the Company by non-UK nationals or because of the aggregate number of Relevant Shares.

In the absence of intervention from a foreign government or large interests of single or associated non-UK nationals, the Directors would not generally expect to have to apply to the Secretary of State unless the proportion of Relevant Shares approached 35 per cent. or to have to set a limit on Relevant Shares below that level, although no assurance can be given that this would be the case.

The Articles also restrict, until 31st January, 1992, the maximum proportion of the Company's issued share capital in which any person (including connected persons) may be interested to 15 per cent.

No person receiving a copy of this document and/or an application form in any territory other than the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to him without compliance with any unfulfilled registration and other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man receiving a copy of this document and/or an application form wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents and compliance with other necessary formalities, and to pay any transfer or other taxes required to be paid in such territory in respect of the shares acquired by him under the offer for sale.

TIMETABLE

Completed application forms to be received by	10.00 a.m. on Friday, 6th February, 1987
Basis of allocation expected to be announced by	9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11th February, 1987
Dealings expected to commence in London at	2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th February, 1987
Despatch of renounceable letters of allocation expected on	Monday, 16th February, 1987
Last date for registration of renunciation	Friday, 3rd April, 1987
Payment of final instalment	Tuesday, 18th August, 1987

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Acceptance of applications will be conditional on (i) the admission of the whole of the issued share capital of the Company to the Official List of The Stock Exchange becoming effective not later than 25th February, 1987; and (ii) the provisions relating to termination of the UK Underwriting Agreement referred to in section I of "General Information" in Part VI of the full prospectus dated 27th January, 1987 comprising the listing particulars relating to British Airways Plc (the "Prospectus") not being implemented. Application money will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept by a receiving bank in a separate account. Rights are reserved for the Secretary of State and his agents to present for payment and otherwise process all cheques and bankers' drafts received and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such cheques, bankers' drafts and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form. Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus have the same meanings in these terms and conditions, unless the context otherwise requires.

2. If you are eligible for the loyalty share bonus, your entitlement will be governed by the terms, and subject to the conditions, set out under "Loyalty Bonus Arrangements" in Part VII of the Prospectus. If you apply on a public application form and you do not complete Box 4 of that application form, you will not be entitled to the share bonus.

3. By completing and delivering an application form, you:—

(a) offer to purchase from the Secretary of State the number of Ordinary shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which the application is accepted) on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus and the instalment agreement (and, in due course, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company) and agree to become a party to and be bound by all relevant provisions of the instalment agreement;

(b) agree as a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State which will become binding on posting to or (in the case of delivery in any other manner) receipt by a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of the Secretary of State agreeing that he will not, prior to 26th February, 1987, offer any of the Ordinary shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus, that your application cannot be revoked prior to 26th February, 1987;

(c) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that any letter of allocation and any money returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment;

(d) warrant that:—

  (i) (if this application is made for your own benefit) no other application is being made for your benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent or, so far as you are aware, by any other person;

  (ii) (if the application is made by you as agent for or for the benefit of another person) no other application as agent for or for the benefit of that person is being made by you or, so far as you are aware, by that person or by any other person for the benefit of that person; and

  (iii) if you sign the application form purporting to be the agent for someone else, you have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person;

(e) agree that, in respect of those Ordinary shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of the Secretary of State, either (i) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

(f) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank to send a letter of allocation for the number of Ordinary shares for which your application is accepted and/or a cheque for any money returnable by post at your risk to the address of the person named in Box 1 of the application form and to procure that such name (and the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of holders of interim rights in respect of such Ordinary shares the entitlement to which has not been effectively renounced and thereafter, subject to payment of any applicable stamp duty or tax other than UK stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax, to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Ordinary shares the entitlement to which is evidenced by interim certificates and the right to which has not been effectively transferred (references to rights being effectively renounced meaning the renouncee(s) being registered by a receiving bank in relation to such rights);

(g) agree that all documents in connection with the loyalty bonus arrangements may be sent by post at the risk of the person named in Box 1 of the application form to the address set out *therein or such other address* as may from time to time appear in the register of holders of interim rights or the register of members of the Company against the name of such person;

(h) agree that the time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application and undertake to pay the final instalment by 18th August, 1987 for the Ordinary shares in respect of which your application is accepted and the right to which has not been effectively renounced or transferred in accordance with the instalment agreement by you prior to that time and date;

(i) agree that, without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application;

(j) declare that you are not a US person or Canadian resident and you are not applying on behalf of any such person, "US person" having the meaning set out in section C of Part VIII of the Prospectus;

(k) (if you complete Box 4 to apply for the loyalty share bonus) thereby warrant that you are eligible to do so in accordance with the provisions set out under "Loyalty Bonus Arrangements" in Part VII of the Prospectus;

(l) agree that, if you delete or amend the declaration in Box 5 of the application form, you declare that, if your application is successful, any shares for which it is accepted will be "Relevant Shares" as defined in section B of "General Information" in Part VI of the Prospectus, being "Foreign Interest Shares" as referred to on the application form;

(m) confirm that, in making your application, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to or affecting British Airways Plc and its subsidiaries or the Combined Offer other than information and representations contained in the Prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the offer for sale taken together with the Prospectus (the "Prospectuses"), and accordingly you agree that neither the Secretary of State, the Company, any of the Directors, the advisers of any of them or any other person acting on behalf of any of them in relation to the Prospectuses or any part thereof shall have any liability for any information or representation other than as aforesaid; and

(n) agree that such application form is addressed to the Secretary of State, Hill Samuel & Co. Limited, Lloyds Bank Plc and the Company.

4. The instalment agreement provides that any contract by acceptance (whether in whole or in part) of any application shall constitute a separate contract for the purchase of each of the shares agreed to be sold, and these terms and conditions shall be construed accordingly.

5. All applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the offer for sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England.

NOTES ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

1 Put in Box 1 your full name and address in block capitals.
ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON.

Applications may only be made by persons over 18. But an adult may apply for the benefit of a child. To do this, you should put your own name in Box 1 and, after your surname, write "a/c" followed by the full names of the child and the child's date of birth. You are not thereby precluded from making a single application for your own benefit.

If you wish to apply for the benefit of another adult(s) and for that adult(s) to be entitled to the loyalty share bonus, follow the procedure set out in Note 8.

2 Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of shares for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of shares indicated below. Applications for any other number of shares will be rejected.

Number of shares *you are applying for*	**Amount you pay now *at 65p per share***	Your total investment *at 125p per share*
400	**£260**	£500
500	**£325**	£625
600	**£390**	£750
700	**£455**	£875
800	**£520**	£1,000
900	**£585**	£1,125
1,000	**£650**	£1,250
1,500	**£975**	£1,875
2,000	**£1,300**	£2,500
2,500	**£1,625**	£3,125
3,000	**£1,950**	£3,750
3,500	**£2,275**	£4,375
4,000	**£2,600**	£5,000
4,500	**£2,925**	£5,625
5,000	**£3,250**	£6,250

Above 5,000 shares, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications	*Multiples of*
5,000 to 10,000 shares	1,000 shares
10,000 to 50,000 shares	5,000 shares
50,000 to 100,000 shares	10,000 shares
over 100,000 shares	50,000 shares

3 Using the middle column of the table above, put in Box 3 (in figures) the amount you pay now.

Payment is in two instalments. The final instalment of 60p per share is payable by 3.00 p.m. on 18th August, 1987. You will be sent a reminder about the final instalment before it becomes due.

4 If you are an eligible individual or applying on behalf of an individual who is eligible for the loyalty share bonus, write **YES** in Box 4. If you are in any doubt about whether you can complete Box 4, read the section "Loyalty Bonus Arrangements" in Part VII of the Prospectus.

5 Nationality declaration

If you, each joint applicant and any individual for whose benefit you are applying are British citizens, you can make the declaration in Box 5.

If you are in any doubt about whether you can make this declaration or you are unable to do so, you should read the explanation on the lower part of the application form.

6 Sign the form in Box 6 and date it.

Only the applicant may sign unless another person has been duly authorised by the applicant and encloses his power of attorney.

A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

WARNING
Only one application may be made for the benefit of any person. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one application for the benefit of any person.

7 Pin to Box 7 where indicated a cheque for the amount you have entered in Box 3. Your cheque must be made payable to "BA Share Offer" and crossed "Not Negotiable".

Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued.

Your cheque must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a United Kingdom bank sort code number in the top right hand corner.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable— A/C payee only" in favour of the applicant(s).

8 Joint applications

You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided each applicant is aged 18 or over. They should complete and sign Box 8.

Power(s) of attorney must be enclosed if anyone is signing on behalf of any joint applicant(s).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF YOUR APPLICATION FORM

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY POST (OR DELIVER IT BY HAND) TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1987 at the appropriate address immediately below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 1.

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New Issues, P.O. Box 123,
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London EC4A 4HD.

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Lloyds Bank Plc,
125 Colmore Row,
Birmingham.

Brighton
Lloyds Bank Plc,
171/173 North Street,
Brighton.

Bristol
National Westminster
Bank PLC,
32 Corn Street,
Bristol.

Cardiff
National Westminster
Bank PLC,
117 St. Mary Street,
Cardiff.

Channel Islands
Lloyds Bank Plc,
9 Broad Street,
St. Helier,
Jersey.

National Westminster
Bank PLC,
35 High Street,
St. Peter Port,
Guernsey.

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38 St. Andrew Square,
Edinburgh.

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Bank of Scotland,
110 St. Vincent Street,
Glasgow.

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Leicester
Barclays Bank PLC,
Town Hall Square,
Leicester.

Lincoln
Barclays Bank PLC,
316/318 High Street,
Lincoln.

Liverpool
Barclays Bank PLC,
4 Water Street,
Liverpool.

Manchester
Barclays Bank PLC,
17 York Street,
Manchester.

Newcastle upon Tyne
Bank of Scotland,
62-68 Grey Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Norwich
Lloyds Bank Plc,
16 Gentleman's Walk,
Norwich.

Nottingham
Barclays Bank PLC,
Old Market Square,
Nottingham.

Plymouth
National Westminster
Bank PLC,
St. Andrews Cross,
Plymouth.

Southampton
Lloyds Bank Plc,
19/21 High Street,
Southampton.

Swansea
National Westminster
Bank PLC,
9 Belle Vue Way,
Swansea.

BRITISH AIRWAYS

PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

Before completing this form, please read carefully the accompanying notes.

1 PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms or title	**Surname**
Forename(s) in full	
Address	
	Post Code

2 I/We offer to purchase ______ Ordinary shares

in British Airways Plc on and subject to the Terms and Conditions set out in the Prospectus comprising the listing particulars dated 27th January, 1987

3 and I/we attach a cheque for the amount now payable of £

4 If you are an individual eligible for the loyalty share bonus, write YES in the Box. ☐

5 I/We hereby declare that any shares acquired will not be Foreign Interest Shares.

If you cannot make the above declaration, you must delete it and complete the nationality declaration below

6 I declare that to my knowledge this is the only application made for my benefit (or that of the person(s) for whose benefit I am applying).

Date 1987 Signature

7 ☐ ◄ Pin here your cheque for the amount in Box 3, payable to "BA Share Offer" and crossed "Not Negotiable".

8 JOINT APPLICANTS The first applicant should sign Box 6. Insert below the names of the other joint applicants in BLOCK CAPITALS who must sign in the right hand column.

I/We join in this application and give the declarations set out above.

	Mr, Mrs, Miss Ms or title	Surname	Forename(s) in full	Signature
2nd joint applicant				
3rd joint applicant				
4th joint applicant				

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1. Acceptance no.
2. Shares accepted
3. Amount received £
4. Amount payable £
5. Amount returned £
6. Cheque no.

NATIONALITY DECLARATION

If you are unable to make the declaration in Box 5 above you should make the following declaration.

I/We hereby declare that any shares acquired will be Foreign Interest Shares and that the following are the names, nationalities and addresses of the persons whose interests would make them Foreign Interest Shares

Surname			
Forename(s) in full			
Nationality			
Address			

For the purposes of the nationality declarations, a *"Foreign Interest Share"* means a share in which a *"Relevant Person"* has an *"Interest"*.

A person is deemed to have an *"Interest"* in relation to shares if (i) he has an interest in them which would (subject as provided below) be taken into account, or which he would be taken as having, in determining for the purposes of Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 whether a person has a notifiable interest; or (ii) he has any such interest as is referred to in section 209(1)(a), (b), (e) or (j) of that Act. He is not, however, deemed to have an *Interest* in any shares in which his spouse or any infant child or stepchild of his is *interested* by virtue of such relationship or which he holds as a bare or custodian trustee under the laws of England. In relation to Scotland, *"infant"* means a pupil or minor and *"bare or custodian trustee"* means a simple trustee. *"Interested"* shall be construed accordingly.

By way of example, but without in any way limiting the generality of the definition, a person will have an *Interest* in shares if:—

(a) a company is *interested* in them and (i) that company or its directors are accustomed to act in accordance with his instructions or (ii) he can, directly or through another company, exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at general meetings of that company; or

(b) a trust of which he is a beneficiary is *interested* in the shares; or

(c) he has entered into a contract to purchase the shares or is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of any rights attaching to the shares; or

(d) he is entitled or obliged to call for delivery of the shares or to acquire an *Interest* in the shares.

"Relevant Person" means:—

(a) any individual who is not a British citizen;

(b) any body corporate other than a body corporate which is incorporated under the laws of any part of, and which has its principal place of business and central management and control in, the United Kingdom;

(c) a government or governmental department, agency or body, otherwise than of the United Kingdom or any part thereof;

(d) any municipal, local, statutory or other authority or any undertaking or body formed or established in any country other than the United Kingdom; and

(e) any person who (i) falls within any of the foregoing paragraphs of this definition and (ii) would be taken to be *interested* in any shares pursuant to the provisions of section 203 of the Companies Act 1985 if a body corporate were interested in those shares.

If you are in any doubt as to how to complete the declaration, or as to the definition of Foreign Interest Shares (referred to as Relevant Shares in section B of "General Information" in Part VI of the Prospectus) you should consult your solicitor or other professional adviser.

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Those claiming commission (or reallowance of commission) should stamp both boxes applicable to them.

Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no.
(if not registered for VAT, put "none")	(if not registered for VAT, put "none")	(if not registered for VAT, put "none")	(if not registered for VAT, put "none")
Acceptance no.	Shares accepted	Acceptance no.	Shares accepted
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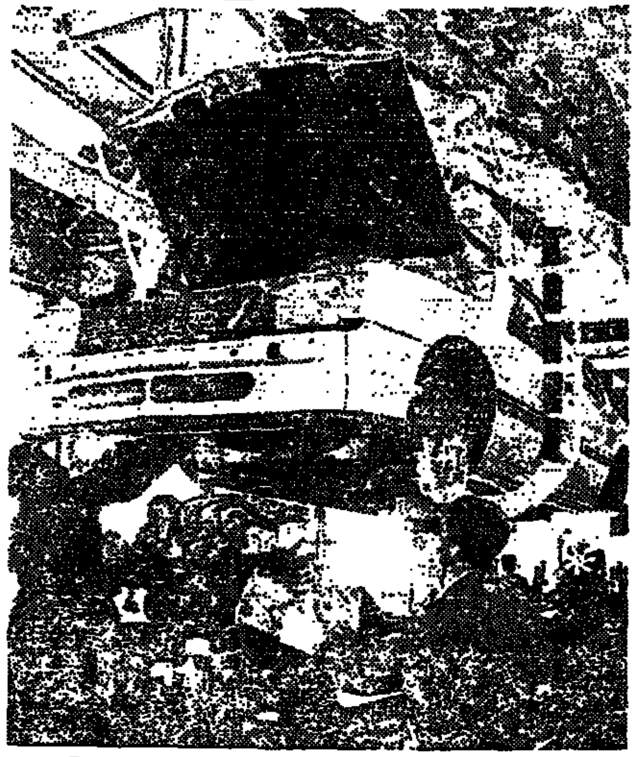
Vauxhall expects another loss before profit next year

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent


Cavaliers being built at Vauxhall's Luton factory

If everything goes according to plan, Vauxhall Motors will move out of the red next year — exactly 10 years since its last profit of a modest £2 million. This is hardly what you would expect from a car manufacturer that almost doubled its market share in Britain over the last five years to worry Austin Rover for the second spot in the sales league, behind Ford.

The evidence suggests that the General Motors-owned company has not so much run out of steam but is struggling to cope with the moving goal posts in a game where Ford is never down for long and can always be relied on to bounce back strongly into the black.

The Vauxhall Cavalier stole the initiative in the important fleet car market from Ford while the Cortina was making way for the Sierra, and successfuly kept the pressure on the new Ford in 1982 and 1983. The GM operation saw its market share almost double in five years to 16.6 per cent in 1985.

In 1985, the rapid climb to a 16.6 per cent market share had the experts believing that, while a loss of £47.4 million was disappointing, Vauxhall was surely bound to make a profit soon. However, the other side to the rising sales and well-groomed image of its full model range was a 15-month stint of 160 strikes and walkouts that cost 1.4 million hours of lost production.

Shopfloor unrest in the 1970s had been worse but this was no consolation as the market place had become very much more competitive. Imports from the efficient Continental plants in West Germany and Belgium made up for the 18.200 vehicles lost through disruption.

The Merseyside plant of Ellesmere Port, in particular, had a reputation for militancy but the management was hardly blameless. The launch of the new Astra model in 1985 had seen the introduction of highly sophisticated computer-control systems and robots in the northern works.

This brought technical problems which were serious enough for the company to admit publicly that production was being badly affected. The unions were openly suspicious of such apparent honesty, being unconvinced that the company was really keen to raise output to the targeted level.

A dramatic swing in currency exchange rates has brought the top executives round to the unions' way of thinking, though the company would fairly cite the investment of £100 million on a new paint plant for Luton as proof of its long-term good intentions. The West German mark strengthened by 25 per cent last year, which had serious implications for virtually every Vauxhall model. Salt was rubbed into the wounds when the Ford Sierra overtook the Cavalier in the sales charts for the first time. Ford was back on top.

The core of Vauxhall's UK sales is accounted for by the Cavalier and Astra, yet they are built from largely Continental parts, totalling 45 per cent of the car's value. The mark's appreciation made these imported parts much more expensive and even a programme of switching to British suppliers saw the company running to keep up with the currency movements.

West German and Belgian-built models account for 30 per cent of Vauxhall's UK sales and, of course, these went up in price overnight with Vauxhall unable to pass the rise in cost on to the customer. Hence, Vauxhall expects to make a loss for last year at least as big as the £47.6 million for 1985, with no firm optimism until 1988.

This year will be a tough one for the company and its 12,000 employees. After a fall to a 15.1 per cent market share in 1986, the aim is to hold on to it rather than steal some from rivals.

Trying rapidly to increase the components it buys in Britain is now the name of the game, while there is even talk of spending £100 million to relieve production bottlenecks and so increase the number of cars Vauxhall can make.

Pineapple pays £7.4m for business gifts company

By Alison Eadie

Debbie Moore: diversifying into service-based activities

Pineapple Group, the dance and marketing company headed by Ms Debbie Moore, is buying Premium Pen, a promotional products company, for £7.4 million. Shares in Pineapple were suspended on New Year's Eve at 72p pending announcement of a big acquisition.

Premium is a service-orientated company specializing in promoting companies through the supply of quality business gifts bearing the companies' logos. Products include pens, wallets and calculators.

The acquisition follows Pineapple's purchase of Golden Key Promotions for £3 million just three months ago. It is part of the company's strategy of diversifying away from dance — which suffered a setback when the aerobics boom faded — into service-based businesses.

Pineapple made pretax losses of £93,000 in the year to July 31, 1986, but is expected to return to profit this year.

The Premium acquisition is being funded by a conditional placing of 5.33 million shares at 75p, which is subject to total clawback by ordinary shareholders on a three-for-five basis.

The balance of £3.4 million will be raised by issuing 3.4 million 7 per cent convertible redeemable preference shares, which will yield a further 3.79 shares when converted after October 1.

Premium has guaranteed profits of £1.2 million in the current year to December 31. If it fails to meet its target, the purchase price will be reduced by an agreed multiple of three to one.

Trading in Pineapple shares is expected to resume today.

Factoring leaps by £1bn

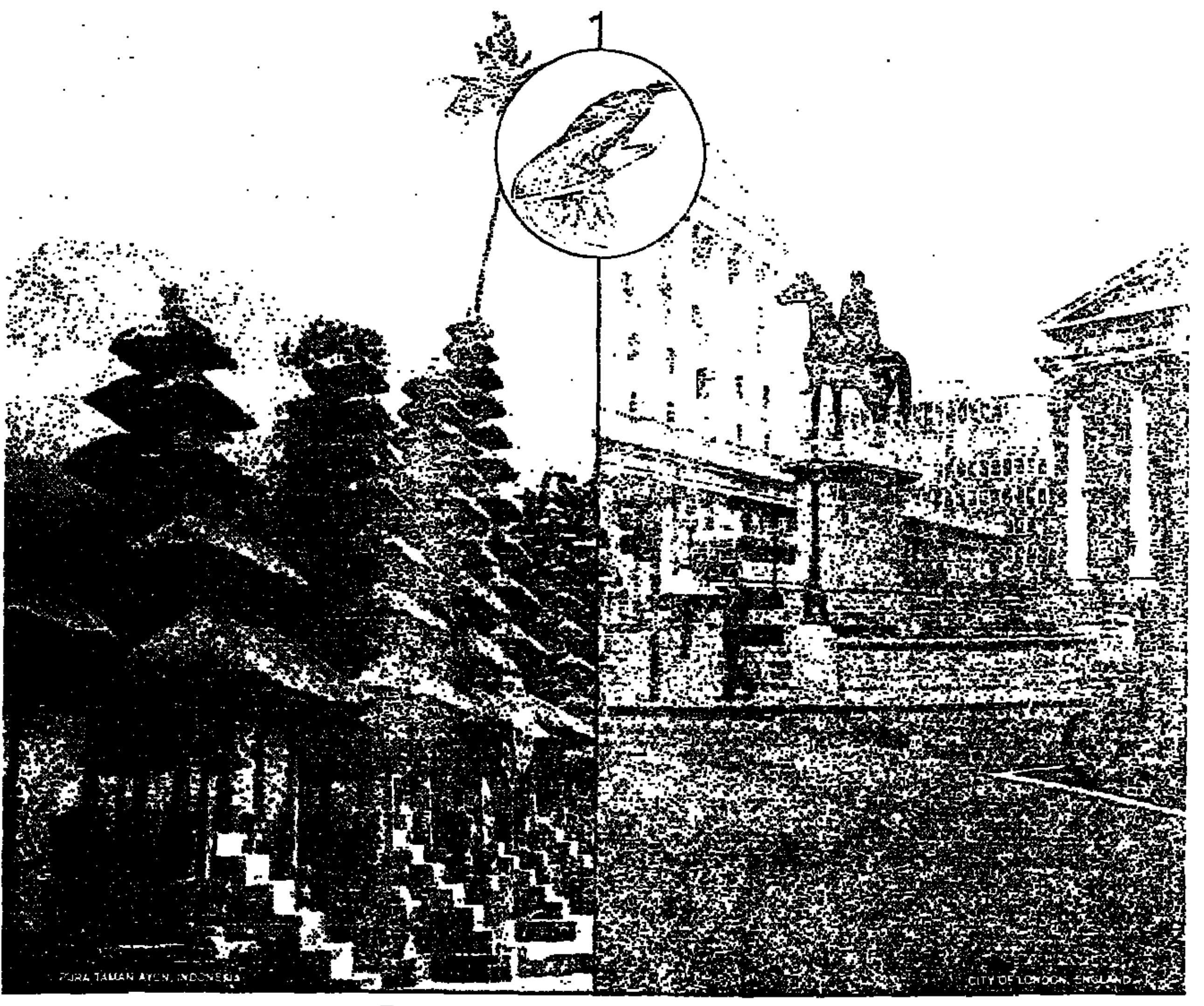
By Teresa Poole

Factoring companies are increasingly turning to lawyers in order to collect bad debts, according to figures yesterday.

During 1986, Britain's nine leading factoring companies — which buy up debts at a discount then seek repayment — saw a 28 per cent increase in the number of debtor accounts where legal action was in progress. Nevertheless, the amount of factoring business is growing strongly.

According to the Association of British Factors, its nine members last year saw a record increase of more than £1 billion in their amount of factoring. The combined volume of factoring by the nine members reached £5.7 billion with domestic business showing a 14 per cent increase and international business increasing 19 per cent.

There was a noticeable increase in the size of the factors' clients — 28 per cent now have turnover of more than £1 million — and a marked increase in the use of factoring by distribution companies. Manufacturing sectors' users declined from 46 to 39 per cent of the whole.



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OMPANY NEWS

ATSHAMS: Six months to ptember 30. Interim dividend 35p (1.2p). Figures in £000. urnover 14,300 (11,893), pretax profit 1.802 (1.173). eps 4.3p (3.6p).

- **ARIEL INDUSTRIES:** Six months ended September 30. Figures in pounds. Turnover 4.655.000 (4,550.200). loss before tax 34,700 (110.200). loss per ordinary share 0.6p (1.8p).
- **HIGHGATE & JOB:** Half year to September 30 (figures in £000). Group turnover — oil and chemical division 808 (1.547), proteins division 1.352 (1.199) — making 2.160 (2.746). Loss attributable to shareholders 191 (12 profit). loss per share 19.69p (1.24p profit).
- **LUCAS INDUSTRIES:** The company has signed an agreement with a syndicate of banks led by Schroders for a £117 million multiple option financing facility.
- **SCOTTISH, ENGLISH AND EUROPEAN TEXTILES:** Six months to October 31. Interim dividend 1.6p (same). Figures in £000. Group turnover 5.517 (8,523). group profit before tax 404 (672), eps 5.76p (8.32p).
- **TYNE TEES TELEVISION HOLDINGS:** The board expects pretax profits of not less *than £4.0 million for 1986.* A preliminary announcement will be made on March 12.
- **BROMSGROVE INDUSTRIES:** Six months to September 30 (comparisons adjusted). Interim dividend 0.5p (0.4p). Figures in £000. Turnover 4.995 (4,212). trading profit 330 (253). pretax profit 139 (251). eps 3.19p (2.85p).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

N Ireland legislation to lift industry's insurance load 'set for September'

From Robert Rodwell, Belfast

Legislation hoped to bring Northern Ireland insurance premiums into line with those in the rest of the United Kingdom could become effective by September.

The legislation, announced by the Lord Chancellor, will abolish juries in personal injury cases in Northern Ireland, considered by the province's employers — and motorists — to have kept awards and, consequently premiums, unreasonably higher than the judicial settling of damages from the bench as in England and Wales.

Such legislation has long been sought by Northern Ireland industry. If no Parliamentary hiccups occur, it could be on the statute books by September, government sources indicate. But it may be another two or three years before insurance companies find their costs of underwriting *employers' liability in the* province fall and reduce their premiums accordingly.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, *welcomed* the news, hoping it would "reduce the financial burden on industry without affecting the individual's rights to compensation."

Jury assessment of personal injury damages was abolished in England and Wales in the 1930s in favour of awards fixed by the bench. Parallel legislation was never enacted in Northern Ireland and very wide disparities have since become the norm.

In 1970 the NI Lord Chief Justice examined the issue but recommended keeping the jury system. An inter-departmental working group was set up in 1977 after continued pressure from industry over enormous civil damages set by juries in some industrial injury claims and road accident cases, commonly three or four times as high as in Britain.

King: right to compensation should not be affected

The working group reported in August 1979 that high employers' liability premiums had a significant effect on Ulster industry's higher operating costs. Juries tended to favour the plaintiff and disaccounted for local awards being higher than in Britain. It recommended that early consideration be given to the abolition of the jury system.

Insurance spokesmen are cautious about predicting any falls in premiums.

"We have a feeling that juries, knowing damages are going to come from an insurance company, take the view that it is coming off a broad back and so they tend to push awards upwards. There is no evidence that judges will give smaller awards and in some cases, involving paraplegics for instance, they may give higher settlements. But overall, we feel judges will give a better and more reasoned approach and more stable judgments than juries," said Mr Billy Robinson, regional spokesman for the Association of British Insurers.

Mr Michael MacLaren, immediate past president of the NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was delighted with the announcement. Employers were, typically, paying twice or three times as much as their mainland counterparts and in some of the higher risk businesses, premiums could be as much as 15 per cent of their payroll, he said.

"This should make our prices more competitive, which is good news for the community at large. I can't understand why the trade unions and some politicians are making a song and dance.

"Industry has been the lone voice in this — the insurance companies don't give a damn, they simply load the costs onto their premiums."

Mr Alan Comerton, a Bar Council spokesman, said the jury system was one of the few opportunities for the layman to be involved in the administration of justice, particularly *with the abolition of* juries in so many criminal cases in Northern Ireland.

"Those of us working in the courts find juries just as *consistent as judges sitting* alone," he said.

On the motoring front, companies will legitimately be able to point to a recent 25 per cent increase in the number of people killed or seriously injured on Ulster's roads and motorists are still likely to face higher premiums than those *levied* in London.

For the trade unions, which have seen many of their members into fairly comfortable retirement on such things as industrial deafness claims, Mr Terry Carlin said that if employers believed the abolition of juries would lead to a real and sustained fall in their insurance costs, they were deluding themselves.

APPOINTMENTS

Charterhouse Development Capital: **Mr Steve Bellamy** is made assistant director.

National Home Loans: **Mr Paul Dare** becomes divisional director, treasury, and **Mr Frank Butler** divisional director, business development.

Carr Boyd Minerals: **Mr TJ Burrowes** is made executive director, general operations.

Honeywell Information Systems: **Mr Roger Whitehead** becomes director, marketing services.

Pearle Health Services: **Mr Howard Stanworth** is made president and chief executive officer and **Mr Ian Martin** chairman.

Mott, Hay & Anderson: **Mr Jeffrey Turnbull** becomes group chief executive.

Logan Fenamec (UK): **Mr Peter Jessop** is made managing director.

Regency Life: **Mr Geoffrey Ross** becomes financial director and actuary.

American Express: **Mr John Stuart** has been made president, travel related services (UK and Ireland).

JCB: **Mr Alan Mellor** is made director of finance.

Lewis & Peat Holdings: **Lord Kissin** is to retire as chairman and becomes life president of the group. **Mr Robert Kissin** is appointed *executive chairman.*

BET Building Services: **Mr John Allan** becomes chairman.

Lawson Mardon: **Mr Serge dePaoli** is made managing director, Mardon Son & Hall.

EJ Welton: **Mr Barry Hammond** becomes managing director.

Rank Xerox (UK): **Mr Dennis Oliver** becomes director, finance and planning and **Mr Iain Livingston** director, customer service.

Ronald Martin Groome: **Mr Nigel Gordon** is made group vice chairman and **Mr Philip Smith** group managing director.

Manufacturers Hanover Trust: **Mr P Ian Campbell** is promoted vice president.

Davies & Newman: **Mr Malcolm Crone** becomes an associate director.

Thornton Management: **Mr David C Pinckney** has been made an executive director.

Furness Withy: **Mr JE Keville** has become managing director while **Sir Brian Shaw** remains executive chairman. **Mr RHA Chase, Mr J Hsia** and **Mr MD Revell** become directors.

Chemical Recovery Association: **Mr Alan Emery** is the new chairman.

Menvier (Electronic Engineers): **Mr Martin Moir** has been made sales director, **Mr Chris Parker** *marketing director,* **Mr Angus Stone** technical director and **Mr Roger Worrall** production director.

Currency Brokers International: **Mr Brian Hugh-Jones** has been made a director.

Turner & Newall: **Mr David Carruthers** becomes chairman of Payen International and Coopers AP Filters and **Mr Ronald Somerville** chairman of TBA Industrial Products and Storeys Decorative Products.

Johnson Fry: **Mr Michael Fletcher** is made marketing director.

Price Stern Sloan UK: **Mr Paul Honeywell** becomes *chairman and managing* director and **Mr Tony Jones** director and general manager.

Channel 4: **Mr George Russell** has been made deputy *chairman.* **Professor David Vines** and **Mrs Eleri Wynne Jones** join the board.

Bristol-Myers: **Dr Brian Kane** has been made chairman and managing director.

London International Group: **Miss Stephanie Monk** becomes a director, Chelsea Man and **Mr James Butterfield** a non-executive director.

Sedgwick Group: **Mr Hugh Collum** is a non-executive director and **Mr Rob White-Cooper** a director.

Hawker Siddeley: **Mr Colin Jones** has become technical director of Brush Transformers and **Mr Anthony Howker** technical director of Westinghouse Signals.

Robermap UK: **Mr Dom Gregson** is made managing director.

WS Atkins: **Mr Tony Collett** and **Mr David Howell** become technical directors.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151
British Gas (50p)	69 +1½
Cap & Regional (65p)	68 +1
Daniels S (130p)	175 +2
Fletcher King (175p)	191 +1
Gaynor (94p)	120 +1
Geest (125p)	207 +4
Glentree (16p)	50 +2
Gordon Russell (190p)	215
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170 +1
Halls Homes (95p)	120
Harmony Leisure (23p)	29
Hornby (100p)	95
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	180
Johnson Fry (150p)	170 +4
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	25
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	152 +1
Logitek (65p)	86 +1
Lon & Metro (145p)	205 −1
MIL (144p)	156 +1
Mezzanine (150p)	77
Mayborn (102p)	111 −2
Nobo (152p)	154
Northumbrian Food (60p)	87
Plum Hldgs (90p)	119
Spandex (170p)	250 +6
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	110
TSB Group (100p)	77¼ −1¼
Virgin (140p)	141½ −½
Ward Group (97p)	106
Wilding Office (135p)	158

RIGHTS ISSUES

Belhaven F/P	69 −1
Freshbake F/P	140
Property Tst F/P	3
Parkdale F/P	71 +1
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(issue price in brackets).

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10⅞ Low 9
Week fixed: 10⅜

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10⅝	2 mnth	10 11/16
3 mnth	10 21/32	3 mnth	10⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	10 13/16-10 25/32	2 mnth	10¾-10 23/32
3 mnth	10 21/32-10⅝	6 mnth	10 11/32-10 7/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	11 7/16	2 mnth	11⅜
3 mnth	11 9/32	6 mnth	10 31/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10⅝ *close* 9½

1 week	11-10⅞	6 mnth	10 15/16-10⅞
1 mnth	11 1/16-11	9 mnth	10⅞-10 13/16
3 mnth	11 3/32-11 1/16	12 mth	10⅞-10 13/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	10⅝	7 days	10¾
1 mnth	10¾	3 mnth	10⅞
6 mnth	10⅞	12 mth	10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth	11⅛-11	2 mnth	11⅛-11
3 mnth	11-10⅞	6 mnth	10⅞-10¾
9 mnth	10⅞-10¾	12 mth	10⅞-10¾

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth	11-10 15/16	3 mnth	11-10⅞
6 mnth	10 13/16-10 11/16	12 mth	10⅞-10 9/16

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth	6.50-6.00	3 mnth	6.25-6.00
6 mnth	6.25-6.00	12 mth	6.25-6.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6¼-5½
7 days	5 15/16-5⅞	1 mnth	6¼-6⅛
3 mnth	6 3/16-6 1/16	6 mnth	6 3/16-6 1/16
Deutschmark		call	4½-3½
7 days	4 5/16-4 3/16	1 mnth	4 3/16-4 1/16
3 mnth	4 3/16-4 1/16	6 mnth	4 3/16-4 1/16
French Franc		call	9-8
7 days	8⅞-8⅝	1 mnth	9-8¾
3 mnth	9⅛-8⅞	6 mnth	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc		call	2½-1½
7 days	2¼-2	1 mnth	3 7/16-3 5/16
3 mnth	3 7/16-3 5/16	6 mnth	3⅜-3¼
Yen		call	5-4
7 days	4 15/16-4 13/16	1 mnth	4⅜-4¼
3 mnth	4¼-4⅛	6 mnth	4⅜-4

BULLION

Gold:$406.75-407.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 407.00-410.00 (£268.00-270.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 97.50-98.50 (£64.25-65.00)
Platinum
$ 530.00 (£349.15)
Silver
$ 5.5300-5.5500 (£3.6400-3.6550)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 1, 1987 to January 30, 1987 inclusive: 11.098 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	*Last Dealings*	*Last Declaration*	*For Settlement*
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 28	May 28	Jun 8

Call options were taken out on: 2/2/87 London Secs., Rotaprint, Amstrad, Marley, Southend Stadium, Boustead, Juliana's, Boddington, Atlantic Res., J Israel, G Davis, BBA Group, Vaal Reefs, 'The Times' Veneer, Ultramar, Burgess, Burndene, Radiant, BSR, Radiant, Copper Glass, Eglinton, RHM, Blacks Leisure, Micro Bus., Benchmark, BSR, Radiant, Copper Inds., SC Banks, Apricot, Border TV, Western Motor 'A', CH Bailey, Hestair, Lonrho, Hanson, CH Inds., Vaux Group, Ward Hldgs., Dominion Hldgs., Squirrel Horn, Fairline Boats, Armour Trust, GRA, Dwyer, American Bus. Systems, Control Secs., Powerline, Pentos, Neil & Spencer.
Puts: Ladbroke, Unilock, Amstrad.
Puts & Calls: Marley, Eglinton, Dominion, Metal Closures.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	89.15	89.20	89.12	89.16	2313
Jun 87	89.59	89.64	89.57	89.57	607
Sep 87	89.80	89.82	89.77	89.77	301
Dec 87	89.84	89.86	89.82	89.84	234
Mar 88	89.77	89.78	89.74	89.74	38
Jun 88	89.65	89.65	89.65	89.66	10
Previous day's total open interest 15915					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 29240			
Mar 87	93.72	93.75	93.68	93.70	5368
Jun 87	93.81	93.83	93.78	93.78	3410
Sep 87	93.80	93.80	93.75	93.75	929
Dec 87	93.70	93.70	93.63	93.64	478
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 4867			
Mar 87	99-10	99-13	98-24	98-31	4076
Jun 87	93-81	93-83	93-76	93-78	5
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 111			
Mar 87	98-60	98-60	98-60	98-58	10
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 18188			
Mar 87	114-23	115-01	114-19	114-26	8120
Jun 87	115-00	115-00	114-31	114-29	150
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	115-08	0
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	114-28	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 3678			
Mar 87	184.00	185.95	184.00	185.25	899
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	188.25	0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 2	Market rates close February 2	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5170-1.5195	1.5180-1.5190	0.58-0.55prem	1.80-1.75prem
Montreal	*2.0203-2.0297*	*2.0235-2.0263*	*0.58-0.49prem*	*1.81-1.66prem*
Ams'dam	3.1053-3.1190	3.1086-3.1109	1⅜-1¼prem	4¼-4prem
Brussels	56.96-57.23	57.05-57.16	15-10prem	45-36prem
C'phgen	10.4218-10.4714	10.4493-10.4714	1⅝prem-¼dis	3-1½prem
Dublin	1.0342-1.0445	1.0352-1.0362	26-35dis	76-103dis
Frankfurt	2.7530-2.7649	2.7530-2.7571	1⅝-1½prem	4¾-4½prem
Lisbon	213.29-216.84	213.85-214.75	107-263dis	276-511dis
Madrid	*195.19-196.34*	*195.82-196.10*	*21-51dis*	*64-104dis*
Milan	1959.58-1969.54	1963.31-1969.16	2prem-1dis	4¾-1¼prem
Oslo	10.6104-10.6788	10.6566-10.6788	⅛-½dis	⅞-1⅛dis
Paris	9.1809-9.2173	9.1899-9.2066	2-1¼prem	5¼-4prem
St'khlm	9.8544-9.9069	9.8898-9.9069	½prem-½dis	2⅝-¾prem
Tokyo	231.80-232.48	232.10-232.48	1⅜-1prem	4⅜-3¾prem
Vienna	19.39-19.59	19.45-19.48	9¾-8⅝prem	28⅝-26⅜prem
Zurich	2.3195-2.3294	2.3248-2.3287	1½-1⅛prem	4¾-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.4 (day's range 68.4-68.5).

OTHER STERLING RATES

*Argentina austral**	*2.0145-2.0220*
Australia dollar	2.2922-2.2955
Bahrain dinar	0.5695-0.5735
Brazil cruzado*	24.96-25.10
Cyprus pound	0.7300-0.7400
Finland marka	6.8686-6.9080
Greece drachma	201.55-203.55
Hong Kong dollar	11.790-11.802
India rupee	19.65-19.85
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4180-0.4230
Malaysia dollar	3.8455-3.8558
Mexico peso	1465-1515
New Zealand dollar	2.7937-2.8034
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6690-5.7090
Singapore dollar	3.2407-3.2445
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6901-6.8450
S Africa rand (com)	3.1213-3.1364
U A E dirham	5.5505-5.5905

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	*1.4615-1.4645*
Singapore	2.1352-2.1362
Malaysia	2.5350-2.5400
Australia	0.6613-0.6618
Canada	1.3320-1.3325
Sweden	6.5000-6.5050
Norway	7.0100-7.0150
Denmark	6.8750-6.8800
West Germany	1.8135-1.8145
Switzerland	1.5280-1.5290
Netherlands	2.0465-2.0475
France	6.0550-6.0600
Japan	152.90-153.00
Italy	1292.5-1293.5
Belgium(Comm)	37.54-37.59
Hong Kong	7.7725-7.7745
Portugal	140.50-141.80
Spain	120.65-120.75
Austria	12.75-12.77

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyons	300	45	55	65	2½	7	10
(*336)	330	23	35	45	10	17	22
	360	10	18	30	32	35	40
British Gas	50	20½	23	—	½	½	—
(*69)	60	11¼	14¼	17	1	1½	2
	70	4¼	7¼	10	4	5	6
BP	*700*	*80*	*95*	—	*8*	*14*	—
(*771)	750	42	63	83	28	35	43
	800	18	38	55	60	65	73
Cons Gold	700	64	92	105	16	32	40
(*733)	750	37	60	77	47	55	64
	800	20	37	58	80	87	94
Courtaulds	300	109	117	—	1	3	—
(*397)	330	79	87	94	3	6	10
	360	54	62	68	5	12	15
	390	29	40	52	13	18	22
Com Union	280	36	44	53	4	7	11
(*312)	300	23	30	39	10	15	20
	330	11	—	—	31	—	—
Cable & Wire	*325*	*48*	—	—	4	—	—
(*364)	350	29	—	—	11	—	—
	360	—	33	47	—	20	26
	390	10	16	—	33	38	—
GEC	180	29	37	44	2	5	7
(*201)	200	13	22	28	8	13	16
	220	4	9	15	22	24	28
Grand Met	390	108	—	—	1	—	—
(*494)	420	78	93	102	1½	7	11
	460	43	62	80	11	15	22
	500	18	40	50	22	33	42
ICI	1100	217	232	—	4	10	—
(*1306)	1150	167	190	215	6	18	32
	1200	127	147	172	15	27	42
	1250	85	115	137	32	42	60
Land Sec	300	54	59	68	2	3	4
(*347)	330	32	38	47	5	8	11
	360	14	20	27	17	22	26
Marks & Spen	180	20	23	31	5	8	9
(*189)	200	6	13	18	15	19	20
	220	3	5	—	33	34	—
Shell Trans	1000	103	125	143	10	22	32
(*1088)	1050	63	83	105	23	35	48
	1100	31	50	73	52	62	73
Trafalgar House	260	45	55	64	2	4	7
(*299)	280	31	38	47	5	9	13
	300	18	25	33	13	19	23
TSB	70	10½	13½	16	1	2	2½
(*78)	80	4½	8	10½	5	6½	7½
	90	1	3	—	13	13½	—
Woolworth	650	105	125	135	6	12	17
(*734)	700	65	85	100	18	25	30
	750	32	45	55	40	45	50
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham	390	115	123	130	1	1½	4
(*499)	420	85	98	105	1	4	7
	460	52	65	78	6	15	20
	500	21	35	50	20	30	33
Boots	240	32	39	44	2	5	9
(*268)	260	15½	24	30	5	9	15
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BTR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bass	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Blue Circle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
De Beers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dixons	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GKN	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glaxo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hanson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Hanson	135	12	17½	22	3½	6	7
(cont)	150	4½	9	13½	10½	13½	14½
	165	1	5	8½	24	25	26
Jaguar	500	105	120	135	1	4	7
(*601)	550	60	77	95	5	14	20
	600	25	47	63	17	30	35
Thorn EMI	*460*	*106*	*120*	*130*	*1*	*2*	*3*
(*558)	500	70	82	95	2	5	11
	550	30	45	57	14	25	30
	600	8	20	29	50	53	58
Tesco	390	45	58	75	3	6	12
(*426)	420	25	37	55	10	14	21
	460	6	18	27	38	46	52
THF	180	29	33	36	1	4	5
(*209)	200	12	19	25	5	9	11
	220	4½	10	14	19	21	22
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero	500	93	98	112	1	4	8
(*588)	550	45	57	70	3	17	23
	600	10	28	47	23	38	45
BAT Inds	390	123	128	—	1	1	—
(*509)	420	93	98	108	1½	3	5
	460	53	65	78	1½	9	15
	500	20	42	52	12	22	28
Barclays	*460*	*80*	*87*	*100*	*1*	*5*	*10*
(*537)	500	42	55	67	3	15	18
	550	10	18	35	22	35	40
Brit Telecom	200	28	35	39	½	2	4
(*227)	220	9	19	24	2	6½	11
	240	1½	8½	14	16	18	22
Cadbury Schwpps	200	28	34	44	1	4	9
(*227)	220	10	20	26	4	10	16
	240	3	9	17	17	25	29
Guinness	280	20	31	50	10	14	20
(292)	300	6	22	38	20	23	28
	330	1	11	20	42	45	45
Ladbroke	360	45	53	68	1½	4	7
(*404)	*390*	*18*	32	43	5	*13*	*17*
	420	5	18	25	22	30	35
LASMO	140	49	53	69	1	1	4
(*188)	160	29	37	43	1	5	7
	180	13	24	31	3	13	16
Midland Bank	550	60	72	83	4	13	17
(*598)	600	17	40	55	15	35	40
	650	4	18	32	67	67	70
P & O	500	75	85	95	1½	7	11
(*570)	550	29	45	55	5	16	25
	600	5	18	28	35	42	45
Racal	180	35	42	50	1	5	8
(*215)	200	16	28	32	3	10	13
	220	4	14	20	12	18	22
RTZ	650	115	132	150	2	7	12
(*758)	700	70	94	112	2	18	25
	750	30	62	77	17	34	45
	800	5	32	47	50	72	74
Vaal Reef	80	14½	17	21½	1	4½	5½
(*90)	90	6¼	11½	14	5½	8	9½
	100	1½	5	6	11½	13	15½
	Series	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lonrho	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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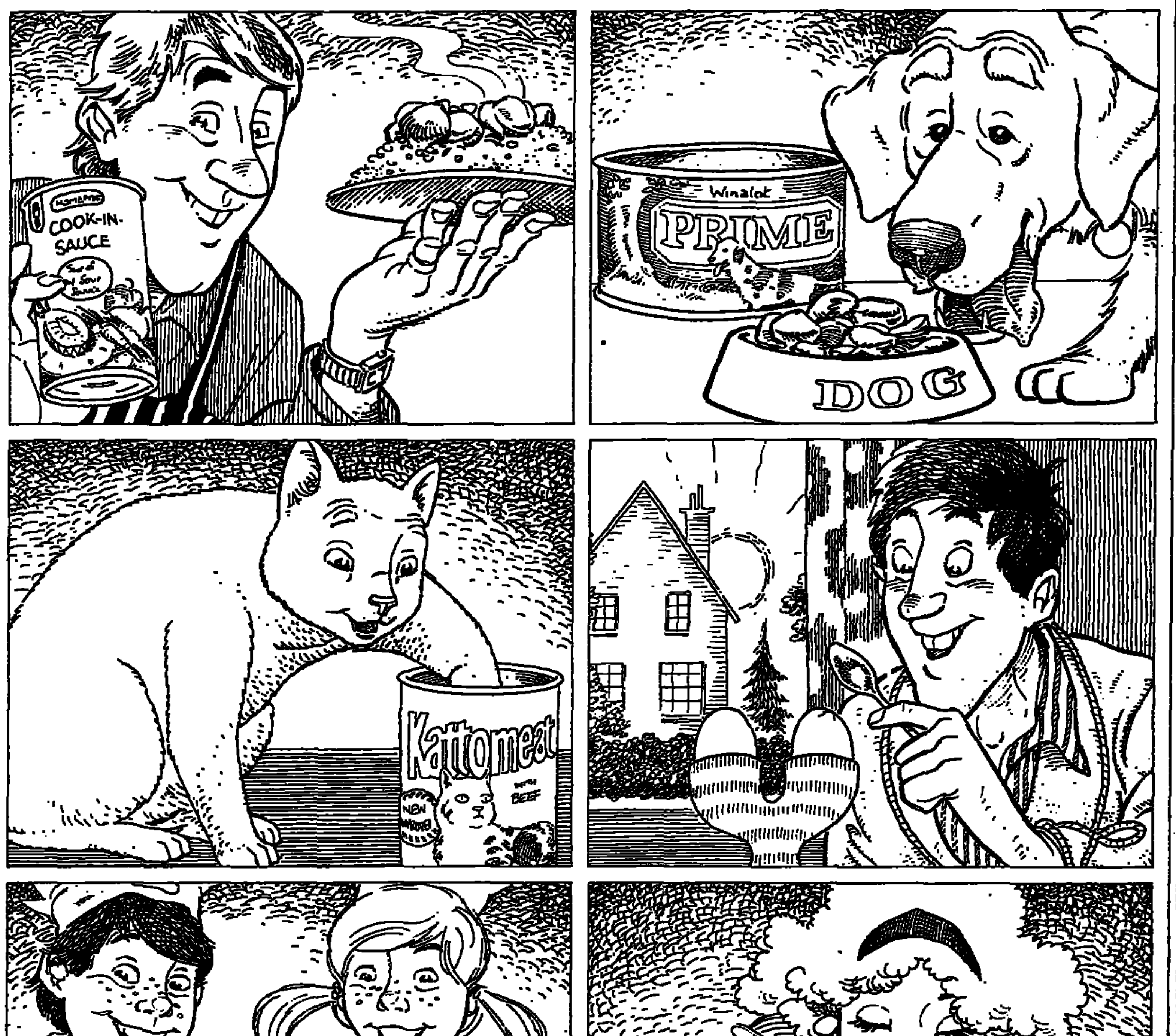
	Series	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
FT-SE Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

February 2, 1987. Total contracts 43953. Calls 34774. Puts 9179. FT-SE Index. Calls: 1689. Puts: 1090 *Underlying security price.



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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
2	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
3	CASE	Electricals	
4	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
5	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
6	Storehouse	Drapery,Stores	
7	Devenish (J A)	Breweries	
8	Tesco	Foods	
9	ASDA-MFI	Foods	
10	Lon Park Hotels	Hotels,Catering	
11	BET Ord	Industrials A-D	
12	BPCC	Paper,Print,Adv	
13	Garfunkels	Foods	
14	Domino	Electricals	
15	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
16	Forminster	Drapery,Stores	
17	HTV N/V	Cinemas,TV	
18	Prince of W Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
19	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
20	Pilkington Bros	Industrials L-R	
21	Tootal	Textiles	
22	Sovereign	Oil	
23	Caffyns	Motors,Aircraft	
24	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
25	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
26	Lookers	Motors,Aircraft	
27	Boase Massimi	Paper,Print,Adv	
28	Anglia TV 'A'	Cinemas,TV	
29	Monk (A)	Building,Roads	
30	Ladbroke	Hotels,Caterers	
31	Pleasurama	Leisure	
32	Tottenham Hotspur	Leisure	
33	Plessey	Electricals	
34	Delta	Industrials A-D	
35	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
36	Burns-Anderson	Industrials A-D	
37	Erskine House	Industrials E-K	
38	Ferranti	Electricals.	
39	Lamont	Textiles	
40	VG Instruments	Electricals	
41	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
42	Auto Sec	Electricals	
43	Booker	Foods	
44	Home Counties	Newspapers	
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Please take into account any minus signs

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1986 High Low Stock Price Ch'ge Int. only yield% Gross Red. yield%

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1986 High Low Company Price Bid Offer Ch'ge Gross div p Yld % P/E

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities at new peak

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 26. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day February 9. Settlement day February 16.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Adenhurst Rd Bournemouth BH8 8AL 717373 (Linkline)				
& Fixed	108.7	115.0	..	10.43
gh Inc Equity	106.0	113.7	+1.2	4.62
orldwide Bond	203.1	216.0●	-0.2	4.49
American Growth	162.2	172.5	-1.2	0.82
Asian Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.67
Assets & Earn	123.1	130.9	+2.0	2.18
Capital Reserve	66.7	67.1	-0.1	1.50
Comm & Energy	107.3	114.2	+0.4	1.00
European Capital	98.9	105.1	+1.8	1.21
General	151.1	160.7●	+2.5	2.64
Japan	79.9	85.0	-0.2	
UK Growth Inc	118.4	125.9	+0.6	1.25
Do Accum	171.0	181.9	-0.8	0.88
US Emerging Co's	56.7	59.3	-0.2	0.08
Equitas Progress	235.6	250.6	+2.8	2.88
Masterfst Acc	70.9	75.4	+0.3	2.17
American Inc	50.8	54.00●	..	4.86
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 510256 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	252.1	267.5	-2.8	2.99
Growth & Income	147.2	156.0	+1.7	2.90
Capital Trust	247.5	262.8	+3.5	2.63
Balanced	395.9	419.6	+5.5	3.28
Accum Trust	607.5	644.0	+8.1	2.95
American Income	33.4	35.5●	+0.2	4.19
High Income Tst	237.5	254.1	+2.0	4.53
Equity Income	154.2	160.4	-1.1	4.68
High Yield	160.6	170.2	+1.3	4.96
Govt Secs Trust	28.6	29.7		8.18
International	98.7	105.1●	+1.3	0.77
Japan Fund	129.1	137.5	-1.8	0.01
Pacific Trust	207.6	221.1	+2.7	0.91
Amer Spcl Sits	71.9	76.5	+0.4	1.45
Secs Of Amer Tst	217.8	231.9	+1.0	0.53
Alp Asset Value	256.0	271.4	+2.1	3.13
Conv & Gilt Trust	36.1	38.0	+0.2	6.45
Smaller Co's	142.2	149.7●	+0.9	2.98
2nd Smaller Co's	191.2	192.1	+1.1	2.09
Recovery Trust	92.4	97.9	+0.8	1.91
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd				
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3 Glenfinlas St Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2591 (Dealers 031-225 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	483.3	503.7	..	0.64
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4●	..	0.20
UK Ex (31)	253.7	269.0	..	1.35
P'sal Pens Intl	541.6	570.5	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	172.1	183.1	+3.5	0.00
BG Energy	176.9	189.1	+1.4	1.78
BG Income Grwth	225.1	239.6	-0.2	4.81
BG Japan	209.0	218.1	-3.6	0.00
BG Technology	179.3	189.7	+2.2	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 20 Chiswell Street, London EC1 01 374 6801				
American	51.3	54.6●	+0.6	1.93
Australian	22.0	23.5	-0.3	1.74
Japan & General	123.0	130.9	-0.2	0.05

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	93.2	99.1	-0.4	0.51
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01 902 8876				
Growth	317.7	336.2	..	2.84
Income	365.2	386.5	..	4.38
Far East	244.6	258.8	..	0.24
North American	161.1	170.5	..	0.54
Global	53.8	56.9	..	0.80
European	56.9	60.2	..	1.24
Japan	62.2	65.8	..	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	394.8	420.1	+1.5	1.68
Income	316.4	336.6	+1.7	4.53
North American	317.3	337.6	+3.6	1.10
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St. EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	92.1		..	..
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	418.9		.	4.46
Fixed Int	135.8	●	.	10.53
Deposit	100.0		.	10.80
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	57.1	60.5	..	0.60
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street. London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	387.76		..	5.03
Accum	£11 393		..	
Deposit	100.0		..	10.70
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	26.4	28.0	+0.3	1.90
Equity High Income	48.6	51.5	+0.6	4.00
European Growth	32.2	34.1	+0.4	2.00
General Equity	43.3	46.0	+0.7	2.30
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	29.2	30.9		3.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	23.9	25.2	-0.1	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	26.3	27.9	-0.3	5.00
Japan Growth	36.1	38.3	+0.4	0.90
Pedigree Gth	26.8	28.4	+0.3	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	49.7	53.2	+0.9	3.29

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Overseas Income	75.3	80.2	+0.3	3.40
Fixed Interest	57.8	61.3	+0.3	10.45
Natural Res Fund	54.7	58.2	-0.4	2.98
European Income	86.9	92.5●	+0.9	2.74
Financials Fund	53.0	56.4	+0.6	2.88
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190 West George St Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Grth Inc	50.2	53.4	+0.7	1.40
Do Accum	51.2	54.5	+0.6	.
Income Grth Inc	45.4	48.3	+1.1	5.30
Do Accum	48.7	51.8	+1.2	.
Smaller Co's Inc	56.3	59.9	+1.3	1.00
Do Accum	57.2	60.9	+1.4	.
Higher Inc	24.8	26.4	-0.1	7.00
Do Acc	24.8	26.4	+0.1	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	114.1	121.4	+1.5	0.63
Amer Equity Income	35.9	38.2●	+0.5	4.02
Amer Special Sits	55.2	58.8	+0.7	0.12
Australian	35.2	37.3	+0.6	3.16
European	49.8	52.7	+0.2	0.00
Far East Inc	37.9	40.2	+0.5	3.86
Gilt & Fixed Int	30.0	●		9.92
Growth & Income	106.8	113.7	-0.5	4.22
Japan Special Sits	46.5	49.6●	+0.8	.
Japan	153.0	163.2	+1.4	.
Managed Intl	151.1	150.8	+1.6	0.24
Maj Income Equity	94.1	100.2	-0.3	4.56
Professional Gth	37.4	40.0	-0.6	2.10
South East Asia	44.1	47.0	+0.7	0.05
Special Sits	191.3	203.6	-0.5	0.29
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8 Crosby Sq. London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£390.6	397.6	+11.05	1.00
Japan Exempt	£480.6	490.1	+11.31	0.77
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0		..	5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	220.8	233.6	+5.2	..
Do Accum	225.4	238.4	+5.1	
Amer Turnarnd Inc	213.4	225.8	+3.7	1.24
Do Accum	221.4	234.2	+4.1	1.24
Capital Tst Inc	235.2	248.8	+0.4	2.01
Do Accum	286.4	303.0	+0.4	2.01
Conv & Gilt Inc	94.2	99.6	..	4.99
Do Accum	128.2	135.6		4.99
Extra Inc Tst Inc	186.6	197.4●	-0.2	4.09
Do Accum	205.0	216.2●	-0.2	4.09
Income Trust	138.2	146.2	+0.9	3.60
Do Accum	146.0	156.5	+0.7	3.60
Intl Growth Fd Inc	173.2	183.0	+1.8	..
Do Accum	192.2	203.2	-2.0	..
Japan & Gen Inc	98.8	104.4	+1.6	0.07
Do Accum	99.8	105.6	+1.7	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	96.4	101.8●	+0.2	4.41
Recovery	170.4	180.2●	+8.8	1.29

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Hambros Canadian	53.2	56.4	+0.5	1.15
Hambros Equity Inc	96.5	102.4	+0.8	4.59
Hambros High Inc	67.2	71.3	+0.5	4.51
Hambros Res Assts	66.8	70.9●	+0.3	1.79
Hambros Intl Sits	58.9	62.5	+0.5	0.80
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	113.0	120.2	+0.8	0.17
Amer Smaller Co's	53.1	56.5	+0.2	0.23

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Do Accum	987.8	1042.1	-1.4	4.95
Intl Growth Inc	820.5	865.6●	+8.2	1.46
Do Accum	£13.28	14.01●	+0.13	1.46
Intl Inc	64.2	67.7	+0.4	4.76
Japan Acc	880.4	928.8	+8.6	0.28
Japan Smaller Acc	87.5	92.8	+1.1	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	657.0	688.1	+1.0	3.73
Do Accum	£16.60	17.52	+0.02	3.73
Recovery Fund Inc	418.5	441.5●	-1.8	3.00
Do Accum	548.2	578.3	-2.3	3.00
Second Gen Inc	796.5	840.3●	-0.8	3.39

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS 145 Borough High Street London SE1 1NU 01-628 6011				
Growth Fund	177.1	188.4	.	0.82
Income Fund	78.2	83.2●	.	4.18
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	70.0	71.1		0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	c52.0	52.3	-0.1	
Challenger	50.7	51.1	-0.3	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Cons & Equity	53.7	57.2	+0.4	5.88
Income	61.2	65.2	+0.8	4.49
Growth	62.6	66.7	+0.3	1.88

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
150	131	Bankers	147	150	● ..	4.4b	3.0	51.4
282	240	Berry	280	284	..	1.6	0.6	..
69½	61	Br Assets	68½	69	+1½	2.9	4.2	31.4
39½	37	Br Empire Sec	39	40	..	0.9	2.3	89.8
521	485	Br Inv	517	522	..	22.6	4.3	33.4
116	99	Brunner	115	117	+1	3.5	3.0	46.8
838	785	Cont & Ind	830	845	+10	31.4	3.7	36.3
253	210	Crescent Japan	250	252	-1	0.4	0.2	
153	143	Derby Inc	143½	146½	●+1	13.0	9.0	15.9
180	133	Do Cap	177	182	+2			
411	348	Drayton Cons	405	412	..	15.4	3.8	38.0
211	185	Drayton Far East	209	212		1.6	0.8	..
702	631	Drayton Japan	700	704	+1	1.4e	0.2	
252	205	Dundee Lon	250	253	●+1	8.6	3.4	41.4
124	107	Edin Amer Asset	120	122	+1	0.9	0.7	94.5
175	154½	Edinburgh	169	171	+½	5.3b	3.1	50.0
478	297	Electric Gen	475	480	●+7	6.8	1.4	80.1
200	165	English Intl	194	197	..	5.5	2.8	54.7
117	98	English Scot	115	117		2.0	1.7	70.3
160	68	Ensign	77	82	+1	1.3	1.6	78.4
138	117	F & C Alliance	137	139	+1	2.7	2.0	72.6
242	161	F & C Pacific	241	243	..	2.1	0.9	93.4
14½	8½	First Charlotte	13½	14	..	0.1	0.7	
379	310	First Scot Amer	375	379	..	15.0	4.0	38.2
603	495	Fleming American	598	602	-1	8.2	1.4	98.4
219	159	Fleming Claver	209	212	●	8.1	3.8	40.6
368	308	Fleming Enterprise	365	370	+2	12.9	3.5	41.3
153½	103	Fleming Far East	151	153	+1	1.4	0.9	
157	127	Fleming Fledgeling	156	158	+1	3.6	2.3	60.9
158½	95	Fleming Japan	157	159	+1	1.0	0.6	73.8
180	138	Fleming Mercantile	174	176	.	5.5	3.1	45.2
181	134	Fleming Overseas	175	177	● ..	2.9b	1.6	87.1
176	140	Fleming Tech	173	178	●-1	0.9	0.5	
398	126	Fleming Universal	167	170	..	2.1b	1.2	82.4
117	82½	For Col	116½	117½	+½	2.4b	2.1	79.1
142	68	Gates (Frank G)	137	139	.	5.7b	4.1	13.0
111	68	GBC Capital	110	112	+2			
250	155	GT Japan	241	244	..	2.0	0.8	..
278	149	General Funds	228	230		2.9	1.3	
357	295	General Cons	354	358	+2	17.9b	5.0	31.3
181	126	Glasgow Stock	175	185	..	3.3	1.8	73.5
367	107	Globe	140	141½	+1	5.3	3.8	36.2
161	128	Govett Atlantic	160	162	+1	4.3b	2.7	48.5
271½	173	Govett General	260	263	..	3.3	1.3	..

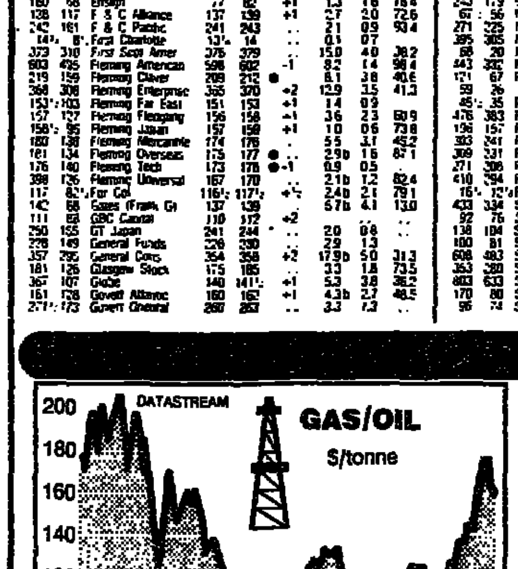
1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
953	585	Invest in Success	935	955	..	8.2	0.9	
317	253	Inv Cap	315	317	..	17.1b	5.4	29.5
185	122	Ivory & Sime	175	180	+2	7.1	4.0	24.4
68½	53½	Japan Assets	66	67	-½	0.7	1.1	
130	104	Kleinwort Charter	116	120	+1	3.7	3.1	44.7
160	142	Kleinwort O'seas	156	158	+1	3.6	2.3	..
385	283	Kleinwort Smaller	360	370	..	12.0	3.3	
294	225	Law Debenture	281	284	..	9.0	3.2	34.3
74	56	Lon Merchant Sec	70	72	●+1	3.7	5.2	14.4
68	55	Lon Trust	64	66		1.1e	1.7	71.4
141	117	Merchants	138	140	+1	6.4b	4.6	36.7
30½	21½	Merrill Lynch	29¾		+⅛			
247	187	Monks	241	244	●+1	3.7b	1.5	91.7
176	147	Murray Income	175	177	●+1	8.6	4.9	32.7
194	154	Murray Intl	184	186	..	7.1n	3.8	36.3
399	270	Murray Small	388	393	+1	4.1b	1.0	..
435	217½	Murray Venture	230	234	..	7.1b	3.1	52.8
533	427	New Court	530	535	.	22.5	4.2	31.4
267	49	New Darien Oil	65	66	-½	0.9e	1.4	72.0
243	179	928	240	245		5.7	2.3	47.3
67	56	[illegible] Inc 83	66½	68½	+1	4.8b	7.1	19.1
271	225	New Tokyo	252	255	-1	0.3	0.1	..
395	305	Nth Atlantic Sec	391	394	-1	4.9	1.2	
58	20	Nth Sea Assets	34	37				10.7
443	332	Nthn Amer	441	444	+3	7.7	1.7	..
121	67	Pacific Assets	118	119	+½	1.0	0.8	..
59	26	Do Wrnts	58	60				
45½	35	Personal Assets	44½	46	+½	0.5	1.1	
476	383	Raeburn	470	475	●+5	19.3	4.1	38.1
196	157	River & Merc	194	197	+2	8.6b	4.4	36.0
303	241	River Plate	300	305		12.4	4.1	35.1
309	231	Robeco	309	-	+1	..	..	
271	208	Rolinco	271	-	+3			
410	294	Romney	400	405	+3	7.1	1.8	61.7
16¼	12½	Rorento	16⅛	-	-⅛			
433	334	Scottish	414	417	●-15	9.4	2.3	63.5
92	76	Scot American	89	91		2.6b	2.9	
138	104	Scot Eastern	136	138	+1	2.9	2.1	71.7
100	81	Scot Merc 'A'	90	93		6.4	7.0	
608	483	Scot Mtge	605	609	+6	12.6	2.1	65.5
363	280	Scot Nat	350	355	+3	7.8	2.2	59.2
803	633	Second Alliance	800	805	+3	26.4	3.3	39.6
170	80	Secs Tst of Scotland	101	102	+1	4.3b	4.2	37.3
96	74	Smaller Cos	95	96½	+1	2.0	2.1	67.1

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
119	110	TR Australia	115	117	.	3.3	2.8	34.6
67½	59½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	66½	68	●+½	3.1	4.6	31.7
224	109	TR Ind & Gen	119	120	+½	2.9b	2.4	51.7
225	109	TR Natural Res	142	145	..	5.9	4.1	30.9
110	97	TR North America	108	110	+1	2.8b	2.4	55.3
215	144	TR Pacific Basin	214	215	+½	1.4	0.7	
81	45	TR Property	80	82	+3	1.9	2.3	54.0
131½	112	TR Tech	128	130	+1	2.6	2.0	60.8
302	152	TR Trustees	198	301	● ..	6.1	3.1	44.4
188	142	Temple Bar	187	189	..	8.1b	4.3	32.9
358	272	Throgmorton	355	358	+1	13.7	3.8	37.0
285	269	Throg Dual	280	290	..			
237	180	Trans Oceanic	234	238	●-1	6.1	2.6	51.3
172	128	Tribune	170	173	+2	4.0	2.3	49.3
95	85	Triplevest Inc	85½	86½	+½	17.1	19.9	7.8
343	247	US Debenture	340	345	+5	9.3	2.7	68.7
47	38	Value Inc Tst	46	48	..	1.8b	3.8	
54	33	Viking Resources	45½	46½	..	2.9	6.3	22.7
76	53	Westpool	69	71	●-2	2.3	3.3	34.5
207	95	Witan	123	124	● ..	2.6b	2.1	70.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
45⅛	38½	American Express	44⅞	.	●-⅛			
121	65	Argyle	115	118	-1	2.9	2.5	35.0
33	25	Boustead	27	30	-1	.. e		78.4
160	142	Britannia Arrow	157	158	-½	6.0	3.8	18.4
32½	18	Daily Mail	31	32	●-½	85.7	2.7	19.0
31½	17½	Do 'A'	30	31	●-½	85.7	2.8	18.4
174	153	Electra	173	175	+1	5.3	3.4	40.2
179	91	Eng Trust	177	180	..	4.3	2.4	18.6
312	204½	Exco	311	313	+4	6.0	1.9	20.1
119	88	Exploration	115	120	● ..	3.3	2.8	15.5
830	600	Framlington	820	840	..	12.9	1.6	21.7
133	108	Frost Go	123	128	..	7.1	5.8	13.5
223	183	GT Management	213	218	+3	4.3	2.0	18.3
210	75	Goode (D & M)	183	188	..	2.5n	1.3	29.1
18	830	Henderson Admin	10½	10½	..	22.1	2.1	20.6
220	153	ICH	207	210	-1	12.9	6.2	9.2
479	330	MAI	468	472	-1	25.0	5.3	9.9
11½	220	M & G	272	275	-2	7.5	2.7	30.2
408	252	Mercantile House	360	363	+1	20.0	5.5	6.9
145	124½	Pacific Inv Tst	141	143	..	0.5	0.4	..
50½	27½	Do Warrants	49½	50	..			
176	148	Smith New Court	155	158	-1	10.0	6.4	7.7

COMMODITIES



Gasoil has rather marked time recently. There has been something of a battle between bulls and bears - the bears argue that OPEC over-production and high stocks will lead to a drop in prices; The bulls argue that the bears should go back to hibernation and that prices will rally due to the winter. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Feb 95.0-99.00
Mar 94.0-94.75
Apr 93.0-93.25
Vol: 49

GAS OIL
Feb 156.25-56.00
Mar 156.25-56.00
Apr 153.50-53.25
May 149.50-49.00
Jun 150.00-49.25
Jul 153.00-46.25
Aug 153.00-45.00
Sep 153.00-45.00
Oct 153.00-45.00
Vol: 2423

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Mar 168.6-68.8
May 172.6-72.8
Aug 174.6-75.0
Oct 176.2-77.0
Dec 179.0-83.0
Mar 184.6-85.0
Vol: 3110

COCOA
Mar 1312-11
May 1341-40
Jul 1372-70
Sep 1402-01
Dec 1428-27
Mar 1456-55
May 1476-74
Vol: 2594

COFFEE
Mar 1620-615
May 1632-630
Jul 1650-645
Sep 1675-665
Nov 1705-695
Jan 1730-700
Mar 1760-700
Vol: 1626

SOYABEAN
Feb 135.0-31.0
Apr 128.5-27.5
Jun 119.5-19.0
Aug 116.0-15.5
Oct 118.0-17.5
Dec 120.0-19.8
Feb 124.0-22.0
Vol: 80

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 879.50-880.50
Three Months . 902.50-903.00
Vol 1325
Tone .... Barely Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 859.00-860.00
Three Months . 883.00-885.00
Vol 50
Tone .... Quiet

LEAD
Cash 292.00-293.00
Three Months . 296.00-296.50
Vol 3025
Tone .... Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 470.00-471.00
Three Months . 467.50-468.00
Vol 1500
Tone .... Easier

SILVER LARGE
Cash 363.50-365.00
Three Months . 373.00-375.00
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 363.50-365.00
Three Months . 373.00-375.00
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 814.50-815.50
Three Months . 815.00-815.50
Vol 4900
Tone .... Firm

NICKEL
Cash 2382-2390
Three Months 2432-2435
Vol 96
Tone .... Steadier

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 2

GB: Cattle, 93.55p per kg lw (-0.63)
GB: Sheep 169.91 per kg* (-9.28)
GB: Pigs, 74.36p per kg lw (+1.09)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 15.6 %, ave. price, 93.62p(-0.74)
Sheep nos. down 5.9 %, ave. price, 169.82p(-10.50)
Pig nos. down 3.6 %, ave. price, 74.35p(+1.15)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 14.4 %, ave. price, 91.54p(+0.29)
Sheep nos. down 15.4 %, ave. price, 170.36p(-3.76)
Pig nos. up 10.9 %, ave. price, 75.89p(-6.57)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	95.0
Apr	unq.	95.5
Jun	unq.	96.5
Aug	unq.	94.5

Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	97.0
Apr	unq.	99.0
Jun	unq.	97.0
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Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	115.70	113.40
May	118.05	114.90
Jul	120.60	unq.
Sep	100.65	100.25
Nov	102.85	103.00
Jan	105.60	105.75

Vol: Wheat 161
Barley 20

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	110.5	110.5
Apr	155.0	155.5
May	179.5	180.5
Nov	88.5	89.0

Vol. 649

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	767.0-760.0	762.5
Jul 87	650.0-650.0	648.5
Oct 87	758.0-755.0	753.0
Jan 88	770.0-770.0	770.0

Vol: 147 lots Open intst: 2483
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
861.5 down 5.0 on 30/1/87

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Network target for the Nineties

By Matthew May

A wide grin comes easily across Ken Olsen's face these days. As founder and president of Digital Equipment (DEC) he runs a company that is doing increasingly well as many competitors continue to languish from the slump in huge growth rates to which the computer industry had become accustomed

Profits more than doubled at DEC over the last six months of 1986 compared to the same period in 1985 while turnover was up by a quarter.

"Strength comes from a simple product line" he says; "not trying to tie someone else's mistakes into your own". It is a view which has resulted in the company concentrating on producing only one range of computers — the Vax.

Four years ago that view earned DEC criticism from many analysts as its financial results dipped and the launch of the IBM PC opened up a new market.

Since then DEC has added new machines and by next week, when it launches a new desktop computer, it will have a single range of computers that cost from £5,000 to £4 million.

Now with a customer-driven desire for compatibility and networks Mr Olsen sees the current success as a just reward for a long-term strategy based on both.

Where that view couldn't work was in personal computers — its only attempt, the Rainbow, was as he admits an expensive mistake in a market where IBM compatibility became imperative.

The stress on networks will continue. It is the business of the Nineties as far Mr Olsen is concerned. "Network technology is one of the most complex in the world," he says fervently, "and once a network is in a company it can die without it."

While Digital's networks are helped by compatibility within its own range of products such concerns are only one side of the coin as customers increasingly look for compatiblity between different brands of equipment.

A variety of standards are very slowly being established to try to combat the problem though they are often not to computer companies liking.

Mr Olsen, for example, had some harsh words on one attempt to standardize equipment — that for factory production — despite DEC's public acceptance of it.

The standard, known as MAP (Manufacturing Automation Protocol), is unusual in that the driving force for it came from General Motors, fed up with the fact that the computer industry continued to produce a variety of incompatible equipment making any attempt to introduce computer integrated manufacturing a horrendously complex task.

But for Mr Olsen networks should be left to those who understand them. "If you buy parts from 200 suppliers and hook them on to a common network one wrong one could mess it up." he says.

Such a view fits in with Mr Olsen's aim, not to overtake IBM as the world's largest computer company but to become the biggest company in networking.

New British bid to push dial-a-picture

The UK moved last week to try to regain a lead in the computer videotex communications industry with the launch of a new photo videotex system that allows TV-quality pictures to be incorporated into Prestel-style computer graphics transmitted by telephone.

The system — announced at a videotex show at the Barbican, London, — is a joint venture between British Telecom and Viewtext.

It allows instant image capture from live subjects, video, photographic prints or transparancies and high-speed transmission over the standard public telephone network.

But it was that phone network which almost let the videotex industry down last week as exhibitors at the show desperately tried to get demonstration phone lines installed in the midst of BT's industrial dispute.

Despite the difficulties, it is hoped that photo videotex will provide a boost to what was once a pioneering industry for Britain.

It invented both the Teletext and viewdata-based Prestel system just over five years ago but has since lost ground to some other implementations of it — notably the French system that has seen vast numbers of videotex terminals given away to French consumers as replacements for the directory inquiries system.

The French government decided a few years ago that, in the long term, it could be cheaper to put all the updated telephone numbers on a centralized computer database and give low-cost computer terminals to its users rather than to run an updated directory inquiries service and constantly print new phone books.

According to Mike Aldrich, chairman of the British Videotex Industry Association, however, the French experience was successful because it was done in a very French way that could not be — and indeed would not be wise to — repeated in Britain

THE WEEK

By Geof Wheelwright

He claims that the UK's viewdata standard is doing well enough in its own right — it is now installed in about 13 countries — though he admits that it has probably reached the limit of its international acceptance.

One particular black spot is the failure of the videotex industry to make any significant inroads into the United States. Mr Aldrich blames the American newspaper industry saying it expected too much too soon from the system.

"They put their arms round videotex and squeezed it to death," he suggests. Mr Aldrich is still quite optimistic, however, about the future of videotex as an information medium — even if is not the current British implementation of it.

"Where the UK is gaining is in the development of a consumer-oriented service delivered by an electronic medium," he predicts. "It has given British service companies one hell of an advantage."

Aside from the limited international success of Prestel and the Prestel standard, Mr Aldrich also points to the much better record of the UK's teletext standard — a broadcast information service used by BBC's Ceefax and ITV's Oracle.

More than 16 million teletext TV sets have been sold, of which fewer than four million are in the UK.

The hope for viewdata now is that it will continue to be recognized as a good way of delivering text information to people who are not familiar with or educated about computer usage.

If the market remains heavily for the non-computer literate user, then there is more need for photographic and pictorial information to go with text.

Technically, however, the transmission speed of pictures over a single ordinary telephone line is still very slow; speed only comes from more advanced communications networks.

The vision of widespread computer information services that provide both photos and text to sell products to domestic cutomers via electronic shopping is still some years off.

Apples to tempt business users

Apple Computer, in the first of a barrage of product announcements scheduled for the next few months, introduced two devices in the US last week aimed at gaining greater acceptance of its Macintosh computer among business customers.

The products were promised by Apple two years ago but were never brought to market.

One, a file server, allows several Macintoshes to share data or documents stored on a central hard disk.

The other is a circuit board that plugs into an IBM personal computer, or compatible machine, letting it use Apple's laser printer.

The file server will permit workers with separate Macintosh computers to send messages to one another, to collaborate in the preparation of reports, or to draw on a common data bank.

Full use of the file server will require the development of software by outside companies to take advantage of its features.

Apple announced a file server in January 1985 but ran into engineering problems and many Macintosh users have bought servers from by independent sellers.

The snags contributed to the company shake-up that led to the removal later that year of Apple's founder, Steven Jobs, who had headed the Macintosh development group.

Apple contends that the late start will not handicap the product. John Sculley, Apple's chairman, said: "This goes well beyond what we envisaged two years ago when we announced a product we could never ship."

Rather than coming out with a separate piece of hardware, Apple is selling a software package known as Appleshare that turns an existing Macintosh Plus into a file server. The software which should be available in Britain by Easter, has a US price of $800 so a total file server system with 20 megabytes of hard disc storage is likely to cost about £4,000.

The other new product, called an Appletalk PC card, is designed to allow Macintoshes to be connected with personal computers made by IBM or IBM -compatible machines. A British launch is expected next month.

Apple has said it will introduce an unusual number of products in coming months.

In March it is expected to announce an enhanced version of the Macintosh Plus.

Stereo specs catch the world's eye

A very special pair of spectacles developed at Leeds University and now manufactured by a Stevenage company, Millenium Professional and Technical Services, is attracting worldwide orders.

The spectacles allow the wearer to perceive computer-generated graphics images in stereoscopic 3D.

They make the computer-generated image appear as if it is standing out from the screen and the user has the feeling of being able to see around the image as if it was a solid.

There are several techniques of producing stereoscopic images, one involves using two separate pictures placed in a special viewer.

The second technique is frequently applied in 3D films, where it would be difficult to have two images because the cinema auience is at different screen distances.

The solution has been to combine the two images into one, each of the two images being in a different colour, usually red and green.

The two images are then separated by the viewer wearing a special pair of spectacles where one eye is covered with a red filter and the other with a green filter; the result being that the green image is only visible through the red filter and the red image through the green filter.

The drawback with this system is that it will not work with full-colour images.

Computer-generated stereoscopic images using two colours have been tried with some success but the inability to use colour limits the amount of information which can be contained within an image.

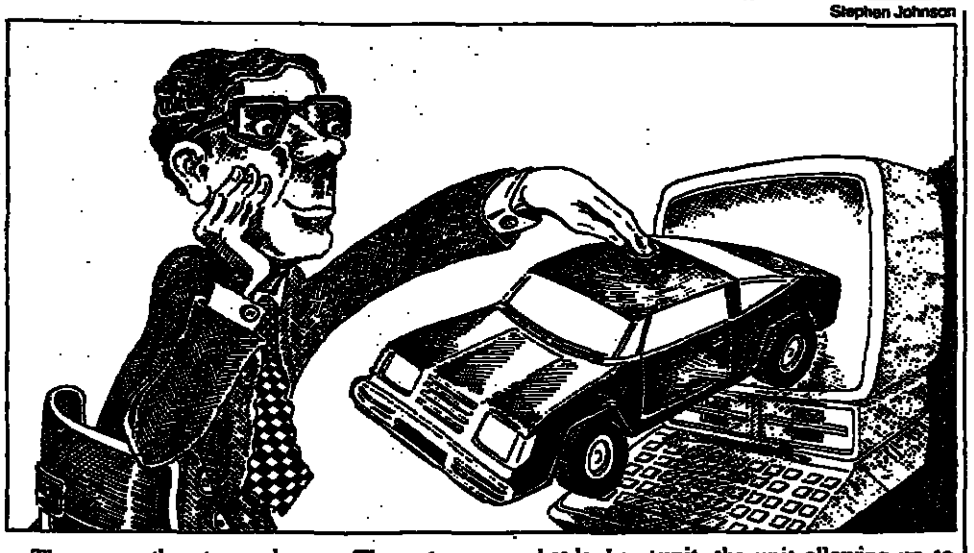
It also makes it impossible to display an image which appears natural, a requirement in applications such as flight simulators.

The development team of Professor Anthony North, Dr Mark Harris and Dr Alexander Geddes at Leeds University was therefore forced to consider the use of two images.

Two separate TV displays were a possibility but this considerably increased the cost of the system and also limited the viewer to a fixed viewing position.

The fixed position problem could not be overcome by using very small TV tubes attached to some kind of headset since this would be too heavy and such very small colour TV tubes are not available.

Such a system also limits the display to one viewer.



Stephen Johnson

The way the team has overcome the problem of creating stereoscopic computer images if far more sophisticated.

It involves using a shutter which allows the right eye to see an image for a fraction of a second then closes and allows the left eye to see a second image: the stereoscopic pair.

3D GRAPHICS

By Nick Hampshire

Because the shutters are opening and closing rapidly the viewer thinks that he is seeing each image continuously in the same way that all the separate frames of a film appear as a continuous image.

The system uses what looks like a pair of ordinary sunglasses connected by a thin cable to a special control box interfaced to the computer graphics display.

The lenses of the glasses are in fact liquid crystal shutters which consist of two sheets of glass coated with a transparent film of conductive tin oxide between which is sandwiched a thin film of a special organic chemical known as a liquid crystal.

The film is normally transparent but when a voltage is applied across the two glass sheets sandwiching the liquid crystal it goes opaque.

These liquid crystal glasses thus provide the shutter effect initiated by the main control unit, the unit allowing up to four simultaneous viewers each with their own glasses.

The 3D images viewed on the screen can be created by the programmer using existing graphics programming techniques. However, the amount of processing required to generate an image is doubled since two images are needed for the stereoscopic pair.

Professor North believes that besides computer-generated images there is no reason why this principle should not be applied to ordinary TV pictures.

In future it may become the normal thing to wear sunglasses while watching a film on TV or surveying the latest output from a CAD program.

IBM acts to protect market

IBM has taken action to try to protect its dominant position in the computer market for large machines by updating its 3090 range of mainframe computers.

The move comes after two years of declining profits culminating in a 48 per cent drop in its profits for the last quarter.

Two new processors and a new top of the range machine — now IBM's most powerful — and enhanced versions of four existing models have been announced. Existing mainframe customers can update their current machines by useing add-on components.

All new machines have double the storage capacity of existing models, a feature made possible by new high-speed one-megabyte chips which can "read" a 2,200-page document in one second.

The new mainframes will be manufactured in France and deliveries are due to begin later this year.

Announcing the new machines, Terry Osborne, IBM UK's marketing director, said they had been introduced to meet customers computing needs into the 1990s.

IBM-watchers, however, regard the announcements as a move to catch up with the competition — the plug-compatible mainframe manufacturers who already have cheaper processors of comparable power.

Some also feel that the continuing mushrooming demand for increased processing capacity by large scale computer users — currently running at 45 per cent a year — will soon force IBM to adjust its mainframe range again.

Taking the drudgery out of repetitive programming

SOFTWARE

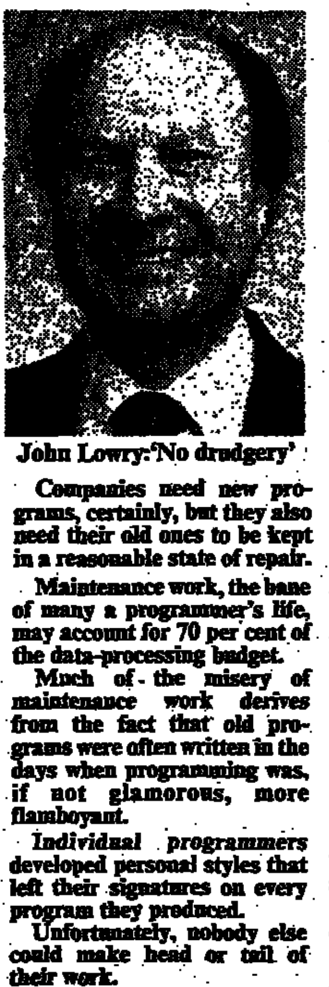
By David Guest

Contrary to popular belief commercial computer programming is long on drudgery and relatively short on glamour. It is repetitive, painstaking and often frustrating.

In other areas, computing has increased the productivity of different types of people by automating the burdensome features of their work — the typist's stock letters, the draughtsman's charts and the accountant's figures, for example.

But efforts to raise the productivity of programmers themselves have had much less impact, and the central problem of computing in Britain is the shortage of trained staff.

Techniques to make the existing staff more productive are many and varied but they rarely tackle both sides of the data-processing department's work.



John Lowry:'No drudgery'

Companies need new programs, certainly, but they also need their old ones to be kept in a reasonable state of repair.

Maintenance work, the bane of many a programmer's life, may account for 70 per cent of the data-processing budget.

Much of the misery of maintenance work derives from the fact that old programs were often written in the days when programming was, if not glamorous, more flamboyant.

Individual programmers developed personal styles that left their signatures on every program they produced.

Unfortunately, nobody else could make head or tail of their work.

Programming has been more disciplined than that for several years but the new breed of Unipart programmer finds it very difficult to repair a custom-built program.

James Martin, the British computer guru, has been as active as anybody in promoting rigorous programming standards and last week his company launched what it claims is the most comprehensive attempt yet to automate the design and development of computer programs.

Called the Information Engineering Facility (IEF), it is a joint development between James Martin Associates and Texas Instruments and will be sold here by Information Engineering Products, a company set up by JMA in 1985.

According to John Lowry, managing directer of Information Engineering Products, IEF can automate the entire program development cycle, from the analysis of business aims to the production of computer code.

Mr Lowry claims that it can improve productivity and job satisfaction, attacking the skills shortage and taking the drudgery out of design and programming at the same time.

IEF is aimed at users of IBM mainframes and could eventually be adapted to cover other environments.

But it costs nearly £87,000, which limits it to large users.

In traditional programming, a systems analyst describes what is needed and a programmer then writes the code. With IEF, a business analyst, a systems analyst or a programmer can, says Mr Lowry, do the whole job.

"Instead of all that drudgery people can be trained to use this tool, sit down at a screen with the end user and do theinteresting things like planning, design and analysis," he says.

Since it also imposes a consistent standard on a company's programming output, it implies that maintenance will be more concerned with the original business models than program code.

And as all the processes are automated, it should also help to reduce the prohibitive cost of complete re-writes when old programs can no longer be patched up.

Computer users have seen miracle cures come and go as their project back-logs have continued to grow. Other promising ideas have had unwelcome side-effects.

IEF, built on what is known as software engineering, may not be the last word on the subject but it points to one direction where the computer industry could go to overcome the skills shortage.

A new record for the Commons

There are some aspects of British life that are so bound by tradition that it seems they could never be taken over by computer.

But now one of the last bastions is falling as *Hansard* looks at ways of using computers to record the debates in Parliament, supplanting hundreds of years of taking notes in shorthand.

Computers have been in use at the Lords and the Commons for years, but it is only now that the staff at *Hansard* are investigating the possibilities of "computer-aided transcription", forced by the enormous difficulty of getting shorthand-takers with the high degree of skill that Parliament requires.

"It takes three years to learn to write shorthand to our standard," explained Ken Morgan, *Hansard's* editor.

"You can often spend two years training someone to get up to 150 words a minute and then discover that they can go no further."

That sort of ability is now in short supply. Years ago five *Hansard* staff could cover all the work of one Commons committee; today it can take more than 20, simply because the shorthand writers are less skilled.

Mr Morgan and his colleagues are convinced that transcribing off a tape recording would not be good enough. There has to be someone present in the Commons chamber to catch all the nuances of the debates; to record the stage directions as they call them, such as "Oppositon laughter".

For this reason trials are starting with systems that replace the shorthand pencil with a special keyboard and a computer.

The two best known are Stenograph from the United States and Britain's Palantype. These have keyboards quite unlike those of a typewriter.

Keys are depressed in combinations or "chords" to record the sounds of the speech in a system analogous to, but different from shorthand.

The codes from the keyboard are stored on tape or disc and converted into text offline by an elaborate computer program.

This conversion can never be 100 per cent accurate because of difficulties with words that sound alike but are spelt differently, or with proper names that are not in the computer's dictionary.

PARLIAMENT

By Rory Johnston

Thus the reporter needs to go through his text on the computer screen afterwards to tidy it up. Nevertheless the process is still much faster and more accurate than transcribing off audio tape.

There is a Palantype system already in use in the Commons for the benefit of one member, Labour MP Jack Ashley, who is deaf. It provides a continuous display of the debates for him on a portable terminal.

Richard Morgan, the Commons computer officer who is advising *Hansard* on the project, emphasises how cautious they have to be over the change.

"The present system is very carefully tuned, and it works well in that it manages to produce a printed report the next morning without fail.

"We have to be absolutely certain that a machine system is going to be at least as good. Thus we are not going to blaze any technological trails," he said.

Five *Hansard* writers are just finishing their training with keyboards and Mr Morgan expects to install the computer before Easter to start live experiments.

BT to test-market a mini laser data bank

By Frank Brown

A two-million-character data bank the size of a credit card is to be test-marketed by British Telecom this autumn.

Called Recall, it contains a tamperproof optical storage medium which can hold 800 pages of text or eight TV pictures. It can also store maps, diagrams, X-ray images, speech and music.

The data is imprinted within the card either photographically during manufacture or by the laser beam of a low-cost read-write unit linked to a computer such as a PC.

The cards are aimed at transaction data recording and electronic publishing systems.

Intrinsically secure, they are difficult to corrupt, either accidentally or deliberately, and are unaffected by climate, magnetic or electric fields, exposure to light or radioactivity, or frequent handling.

They should also reduce the risk of piracy in that attempts to copy data imprinted at the time of manufacture can be detected. Data encryption can also be used.

Initially, BT is targeting its Recall Cards at four main markets:

- **Health care**, for storing medical records, medication usage, and vital personal data on blood group, allergies and chronic conditions such as diabetes.
- **Software distribution**, offering up to 2 megabytes of addressable data with build-in security, encryption and detectable copy.
- **Financial transactions**, holding individual client's records which are easily updated.
- **Access control**, providing a tamperproof device capable of storing an individual's biometric details.

The cards will be sold under licence from a California firm, Drexler Technology. BT will also sell a series of card readers and reader-writers.

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A new wave of experts needed in the City

THE CITY

By Pat Sweet

Three months after the financial market's Big Bang the reverberations are still echoing around the data-processing industry.

The City institutions continue to offer high salaries to computer people, but their demands have changed radically.

"Up to Big Bang last October 27 the market wanted people who understood settlement systems and jobbing systems and who could devise *systems for dual capacity*, which is not too hard," explains Simon Orme, divisional managing director at Hoskyns, which has many City clients.

That meant a strong demand for systems analysts with some grasp of the finance sector and programmers with fourth generation language skills and the ability to develop applications fast.

The need to develop such systems to a tight deadline drove up salaries but now Big Bang has passed Mr Orme and others believe that such specialists will be pushed aside by a new demand for communications expertise.

"This means the institutions need people who understand how to shift data and information around, not how to process it," he says.

"Until recently people who knew about networking or modems or local area networks were not regarded as genuine data-processing people. They had the image of the man with the wire clippers in his back pocket."

Nonetheless, such people will have a tremendous influence on future systems development. The ability to understand how to use the latest technology is a black art to most people who write Cobol programs and applications packages.

At the moment, the majority of people with relevant skills are found in network suppliers and manufacturers such as British Telecom, Plessey, Racal and GEC who all employ large concentrations of electrical and telecommunication engineers.

"A lot of them are not that well paid and they are *suddenly going to* be in the position of finding themselves very marketable," forecasts Mr Orme.

Their value is not lost on City firms either, according to Eric Nichols of recruitment consultants EDP Systems.

"We had one candidate, a top-grade communications engineer, who was hired by a big bank to take charge of installing an international network costing more than £1 million. He was later told that the bank had recouped the cost inside 48 hours because of the additional speed at which data could be transmitted.

" When you're sending deals around the world, cutting the time from three seconds to two is very significant," explained Mr Nichols.

While he felt there were quite a few people with fairly basic skills in this area, Mr Nichols identified a clear shortage of people with top level expertise and the ability to handle big projects.

Some of the reasons for this are self-inflicted. "One factor here is age. Some highly-skilled people with a lot of telecommunications experience are now in their 50s and 60s and many companies are reluctant to take them on," he said.

They may also have some difficulty assessing such specialists who tend to be less *articulate than systems* analysts and salesmen who are used to writing and presenting reports.

Simon Orme:'Need for data shifting skills'

The mass of data now available to each dealer on *which he is required to make* split-second decisions has also thrown up a need for specialists in the artificial intelligence area.

"We see artificial intelli*gence being used in the de*cision support area, predistilling information for the dealer and looking for opportunities,"explains Jerry Gross, technical director of *systems house Data Logic.*

"When it comes to arbitrage opportunities, things happen too fast for individual dealers to spot in complex cases. We will also see co-operative expert systems for program trading, where a group of dealers decide to make an opportunity happen," says Mr Gross.

Such systems would hold a large number of rules and would monitor fluctuations in the exchange rate or interest rate. When the right combination of factors occured, the system would prompt the dealer.

The current crop of City scandals about apparent breaches of dealing regula*tions has focussed attention* on the new-found role of the compliance officer.

Mr Orme believes their work will also be helped by expert systems, which would *follow company* share dealings and compare individual decisions against the movement of the market as a whole. The computer program would report odd trading patterns to *the compliance officer* for further investigation.

Artificial intelligence skills are not widespread among the computer suppliers and tend to be concentrated in the major defence contractors — many financial systems are in fact coming to resemble battlefield command and control systems — and universities.

Data Logic has a fairly large knowledge-based engineering division, with Mr Gross commenting that "defence and finance are the two markets we see as combining severe problems and a lot of money to spend on the latest technology".

Events

Which Computer Show, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, February 17th-20th, (01-891 5051)

Dexpo Europe, Olympia 2, London, March 3-5, (01-486 1951)

Computers in Retailing, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, March 11-13

Intro Recruitment Fair, Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, London, March 13-14, (0491 681010)

Cadcam 87, Metropole Hotel, NEC, Birmingham, March 24-26, (01-608 1161)

Electronic Printing and Publishing & Info 87, Olympia, London, March 24-27, (647 1001)

Breeding ground for the new audit world

JOB SCENE

By Eddie Coulter

From the time that the very first computers were entrusted with handling the accounts of organizations there has been a need to be able to audit computer systems.

In those early days many so-called well-designed accountancy systems lacked the provision of good audit trails. Accountants were left struggling, not only trying to figure out how to audit computer-based accounting systems but *trying to understand the* computers themselves.

Progression over the intervening years has led to the establishment of computer audit teams in the larger firms of accountants and within many companies.

Understanding computers and systems now forms a part of the examination syllabus for many of the professional accountancy bodies and most good systems developers are audit-conscious when developing bespoke or package systems.

Computer audit specialists within accountancy are sought after with an increasing realization that the role of the computer auditor now involves more than just an ability to understand computers and follow an accounting audit trail.

Computer audit is becoming a specialization in itself, with different levels and types of people required within an *audit team.*

"Computer audit has been accountancy-dominated, but now people are using computer auditors for things more closely connected with the computer itself," says Rodney Clark, a computer audit specialist with BIS Applied Systems.

Rodney Clark: 'New skills'

Miller Ross: 'The right time'

"In computer audit teams consisting of, say, 10 people, two of them will now be specialists with a data processing background, rather than accountancy. They will have learned the principles of auditing and will concentrate on ensuring that technical controls and procedures are in place.

"The Data Protection Act has also given many companies cause to think through their audit structures and they are now establishing permanent Data Protection Act officers as well as looking as what technical areas of application require specialist auditing," says Mr Clark.

"However", he says, "in Britain we do not seem to use as many specialist computer *tools for audit purposes* as they do in the United States, where the role of the specialist computer auditor is well established. In America there are also formal examination *procedures for computer* auditors."

No specific body exists in Britain solely for providing *computer* audit examination qualifications as in the United States where the EDP Auditors' Association was established 10 years ago and is now thriving.

They have recently established a group in this country and it may well lead to the development of a new body to provide computer audit qualifications without the emphasis of accountancy.

Among the accountancy bodies the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) is well known for emphasising computer audit in its examination syllabus and even proving to be one of the best breeding grounds for computer auditors.

This has been given more prominance in the past year and in April CIPFA are due to publish a major new document on computer audit guidelines which, although it addresses the public sector, will be available to all those interested.

The large firms of accountants are also a good training ground as well as providing the base for a career specializing in computer audit.

"Computer auditing is a good area to get into in order to learn more about business and computing as audits must look at a variety of aspects in an organization," says Miller Ross, who heads the computer audit team at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell.

"There are a lot of jobs in the market at the moment with salaries of between £20,000 and £30,000 and people are moving into them from accountancy and data processing.

An absolute minimum of three years work experience in either area is required," he emphasises. "Many companies look for a combination of skills — for example, management consultants with *data processing experience,*" he said.

Going back to basics to beat inadequacy

PROTOTYPING

By Russell Jones

The current problems facing software developers of data processing departments are numerous and diverse but *their* effect is usually the same.

New computer systems take an age to produce and when they eventually arrive, they are often of little use to business managers.

One answer often offered in the past to such problems has been to throw more technology at them.

It has rarely proved much of a solution. The best pro*grammers, using the biggest* and fastest computers in the world, have consistently failed to produce computer systems that really meet a user's requirements.

Increasingly, a new breed of systems developers are using the prototyping technique and achieving high levels of success.

Typically, they claim, prototyping can help in building new computer systems, that closely match user needs, in one third of the time taken by traditional methods.

Prototyping takes as its basic premise the fact that all computer systems are concerned in some way with modelling business life and so recognizes the importance of gaining an understanding of the specific business environment within which any system is to operate.

It aims to improve the design of a computer system by involving the one person able radically to improve the accuracy of the business design — the systems user.

Software developers using prototyping still hold initial discussions with users in much the same way as they always have — but only to glean sufficient information to enable them to go away and build an initial prototype of any proposed system.

Building this prototype usually takes from one to four weeks. During this time, the developers use fast fourth generation software tools.

The use of advanced software tools enables a prototype to be developed in a fraction of the time it would normally take to develop a full-scale system. Users then react to and criticize this prototype, before development moves on the final production version of the software.

Prototyping *should* be able to improve the design of a computer system by permitting users to alter their requirements "in flight", as their perception of the system's scope deepens during the development process.

Jane Tozer is managing director of Softwright Systems, which last year won a RITA award for its work in pioneering the use of prototyping.

According to Ms Tozer, the introduction of prototyping will lead to the emergence of a new breed of computer staff. Within her organization, she says, such a change has already taken place.

"Our staff typically operate much more on what you might term a business level than a technical level. The fourth generaton language tool we employ protects us from having to deal with the sort of programming details normally associated with languages such as Cobol or Basic. We are thus able to concentrate far more on matching the business needs of our clients.

"As a result, the staff we employ at present are not simply programmers or analysts. Rather, they are systems builders, having at their disposal a wide range of disparate skills — including an innate feeling for the wider business culture within which *they must* operate, and a good knowledge of the software and prototyping tools available to them.

"Just as important, our staff need a good range of personal *skills, allowing* them to relate to, and understand, the problems of business staff. That mix of skills is more readily to be found outside the computer world than within it, which is why we spread our net in what may seem the unlikeliest of places in recruiting staff."

The widespread use of prototyping in conjunction with four generation software development tools could have a profound effect on the job profiles of many computer staff.

Eureka cash crisis

Eureka, Europe's high-tech cooperation program, has made a better than expected start in streamlining national research, say its officials.

But the program, set up in 1985 to boost the technological and competitive edge of European companies, still faces funding problems.

Financing comes from public funds, private loans and the companies involved.

Eureka coordinates and spotlights projects but provides no funds of its own. The 19 nations which belong have endorsed 109 joint research projects, most involving computer technology and robotics, worth more than 3.5 billion European Currency Units (£2.5 billion).

The budget pales when compared with the £17 billion Star Wars program and the research *funding* of Japanese and American companies.

The EEC Commission, which wants to launch its own £5.5 billion, five-year high-tech research program, has given Eureka a lukewarm welcome.

Publicly, the commission, a Eureka member, says its program would complement Eureka's. But privately, officials complain that Eureka encroaches on EEC turf and draws public funds away from research that would benefit the entire EEC, rather than participating companies only.

One official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said more than *half of* Eureka's 72 initial programs at least partly duplicate EEC- backed research.

France and West Germany have each pledged more than £130 million to Eureka, far more than any other country, and are among the staunchest opponents of the EEC program.

Researchers seeking EEC funds complain of complex rules for participating in its program, saying they are forced to publish their findings and are granted only limited ownership rights to their inventions.

Eureka, on the other hand, is fairly unstructured. It has no headquarters apart from a sparsely- decorated office in Brussels that serves as a secretariat.

Any government, even those outside Europe, can join without having to participate in a project. Canada has earmarked over £13 million for Canadian companies that may want to join Eureka.

The EEC official said that because of this loose structure, companies might use Eureka participation as a cloak for anti-competitive activities.

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A guide to career opportunities

Dear Sir or Madam...

Getting practice at writing work applications and cvs at a job centre in Middlesbrough

The art of writing a letter for a job is a useful skill in today's climate of unemployment, and one to which too little attention is paid, says

Roger Jones

The recruitment process can be a chastening experience for all concerned. Candidates have to succeed in persuading employers of their worth, while selectors are expected to perform a miracle and choose the right person for the job. No matter how brilliant you are, success can never be guaranteed.

At one time my sympathies would have lain wholly on the side of the job applicant. After all, you can spend hours on your application, perhaps having to complete an ill-designed curriculum vitae form as well – only to be rewarded with a cursory note declining your services with no reasons given.

Nowadays, however, I am coming to adopt a contrary point of view. This is not to imply that I have abandoned my concern for the underdog in favour of the powerful and influential. Far from it.

The fact is that having sat on both sides of the selection fence I am starting to wonder whether certain candidates are not their own worst enemies. Instead of drawing attention to their skills, they hide their lights under a bushel, and then wonder why they have been overlooked.

I came across several instances of this sort of thing quite recently when involved in the recruitment of an executive for a small family-run business. While we received a number of excellently-presented applications, which provided all the information required...and more, there were others that could only be described as "awful".

Even the look of one or two applications was enough to put off the most seasoned selector. If you are seeking to impress an organization, there is no point in resorting to cheap, lined notepaper or tearing a page out of one of your daughter's exercise books. This is the quickest route to oblivion.

Personal histories 'quite acceptable'

Some candidates used headed notepaper, but not always to good effect. While 7in by 5½in writing paper may be suitable for correspondence of an intimate nature, it doesn't really work in business. Instead, it pays to think big and opt for A4, both for your letter and cv, since organizations find a standardized size much easier to handle.

The cv, in any case, needs to be on A4 and preferably typed. Most candidates, I am glad to report, produced quite reasonable personal histories and, in fact, there were two or three which were outstandingly lucid. But in a few instances sensible content was marred by appalling handwriting. If illegibility is one of your weak points, surely the best policy is to try and cover it up and resort to the typewriter?

If you are aiming to make a good initial impact, the appearance of your application letter is of paramount importance. You would not get far if you turned up to an interview wearing ragged jeans and a torn T-shirt, even if applying for the secretary-generalship of some anarchist association, and scruffy applications are the first to reach the waste paper basket. If you wish to be different, you can always opt for coloured note-paper instead of pure white.

So much for appearance. How about content? It is a strange thing that while a number of the cvs we received were quite good, the accompanying letters were generally curt and disappointing. Candidates were largely content to state they were after a particular position and to draw attention to the attached cv. However, in these competitive times, such brevity is really not good enough.

A cursory letter represents a missed opportunity to present yourself in the best possible light. A more detailed one is called for – and by "detailed" I do not mean "lengthy". Within not more than five paragraphs you need to express some enthusiasm for the post in question; then show that you have read the advertisement thoroughly and understand precisely what the position entails.

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If you have done the work for them, the only problem will be if you have overstated your case. A sensible selector will always check through the cv to see if he can match its details to your claims.

There was one rather sad case where we spotted some glaring discrepancies; but it transpired later that the candidate had made a fatal mistake and sent us an incomplete version of his cv!

Cvs – apart from being complete – need to be clear and concise, and I believe a candidate should always restrict himself to a single page of A4, no matter how rich or eventful his career has been.

That does not mean to say that your cv should be devoid of interest. You need to put down more than just the bare bones of your personal details, qualifications and positions held. One section of the document should outline not only your skills but also your achievements.

If you have turned a loss-making concern into a profitable organization, this certainly rates a mention. So do any successful negotiations you have carried out, or any worthwhile schemes you have introduced. What you have done can sometimes count for more than what positions you have held, for your potential is every bit as important to a prospective employer as your past.

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Motor manufacturers go out of their way to promote their products by means of glossy brochures. If they didn't, they would soon go out of business. I sometimes wonder why job seekers don't follow suit. For it is no exaggeration that unless you look good and sound good on paper, there is a risk that your true merit will be overlooked.

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SKIING

Zurbriggen strikes back to take first world super-giant slalom title

Crans Montana (Reuter) – Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, came back from losing two titles at the weekend to secure a gold medal in the world Alpine championships yesterday. Zurbriggen became the first world champion in the super-giant slalom, pushing Marc Giradelli, of Luxembourg, into second place.

West Germany's Markus Wasmeier, the winner of both World Cup super-giant races this season, took the bronze

Zurbriggen had been restricted to silver medals at the weekend after his compatriot, Peter Mueller, took the downhill title, and Girardelli had beaten him in the combined event.

"It is a great feeling to win a gold medal here. This is my first super-G win this season," Zurbriggen said after the event, which is a cross between a downhill and a giant slalom.

He ran an almost flawless race on the steep Chetzeron piste, to clock 1min 19.93sec, almost a second ahead of the Girardelli, the World Cup champion, who started first and finished in 1:20.80.

Zurbriggen now has an excellent chance of adding to his medals tomorrow, which is his 24th birthday, in the men's giant slalom, the discipline he specialised in before becoming the most successful all-round skier of his generation. "Let's wait and see about the giant slalom," he said. "I've got nothing to lose."

His victory in the super-giant slalom, which is to be introduced in the winter Olympics in Canada next year, means that the host nation have won four of the five gold medals so far at the championships.

Wasmeier, aged 23, who was favourite for the super-giant slalom gold medal here until he injured knee ligaments in training for the downhill, made a bad mistake in the upper part of the race. He said: "It's not an excuse but I don't think I'm fully recovered." Girardelli, who still has his eyes on more medals, conceded he made a couple of errors and said: "I have to be happy with this result, coming between two great champions like Pirmin and Markus".

RESULTS: 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1min 19.93sec; 2, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:20.80; 3, M Wasmeier (WG), 1:21.08; 4, L Stock (Austria), 1:21.28; 5, H Strolz (Austria), 1:21.44; 6, R Erlacher (It), 1:21.83; 7, R Nierlich (Austria), 1:22.20; 8, M Eder (WG), 1:22.30; 9, G Marxer (Liecht), 1:22.44; 10, F Piccard (Fr), 1:22.51; 11, R Pramotton (It), 1:22.56; 12, H Renoth (WG), 1:22.83; 13, G Mader (Austria), 1:22.74; 14, T Cizman (Yug), A Tomba (It), 1:22.91.

Medals table

	G	S	B
Switzerland	4	3	1
Luxembourg	1	1	0
Austria	0	1	1
West Germany	0	0	2
United States	0	0	1

Maria Walliser, in the Swiss women's team, goes for her second gold medal today, also in the super-giant slalom. After her victory in the the women's downhill on Sunday, and wins in two of the three World Cup super-giant races this season, she starts as favourite.

However, the tussle to become the first women's super-giant world champion will be intense, with more than half-a-dozen skiers capable of challenging for the gold. The strongest threat may well come from the improving West German team, with Marina Kiehl, the World Cup super-giant champion, who finished fourth in the downhill, returning to her best form.

The West Germans complete their powerful quartet with Regine Moesenlechner, the downhill bronze medallist, Traudl Haecher, who was second in the last World Cup race in Pfronten, and Michaela Gerg.

The French, who have enjoyed relatively little success over the past 15 years, will be relying on Catherine Quittet, who won the first World Cup race of her career in Pfronten, and has finished in the top four in every super-giant race this season. She is joint leader of the standings with Walliser.

Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia, is another threat. She has some impressive results but is best known as a technician, and may find the steep Chetzeron piste less to her liking. Walliser can also expect a challenge from within her own camp, especially from Vreni Schneider, and Brigitte Oertli. The two all-rounders have been disappointing at the championships so far,

SNOOKER: HIGGINS LOSES FOUR SUCCESSIVE FRAMES IN LATE-LATE THRILLER

'Gritty' Taylor is the master

By Sydney Friskin

Dennis Taylor, the new Benson and Hedges Masters champion, left London by air for Ireland yesterday. Earlier in the day he had beaten Alex Higgins 9-8 in a memorable Wembley final, which ended at about 1 a.m.

Taylor, who had never previously been beyond the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament, could not say which match had taken more out of him – the 1985 world championship final, in which he defeated Steve Davis on the last ball, or Sunday's, in which he won four frames in a row to snatch a sensational victory.

"The circumstances were quite different," said Taylor, aged 38, who is ranked No. 3 in the world.

Higgins described Taylor as "gritty" – a quality he had revealed in his semi-final against Cliff Thorburn, whom he had defeated, once again on the black ball, only on Saturday. But Thorburn was not surprised by Taylor's resilience.

Taylor and Higgins had different views on the fortunes of the fourteenth frame, which Higgins lost, his 8-5 lead therefore having been cut to 8-6. "I thought I'd won the match and tried for the blue, but I got a kick and didn't have a very good run of the balls after that," Higgins said. "But I'm not taking anything away from Dennis. Naturally I'm very upset, but such is snooker."

The early stages of that frame were, for Taylor, a traumatic experience as Higgins shot into 50-10 lead, having made a break of 37. "I made about four mistakes and thought: 'What am I doing here?'" Taylor said. "But you never give up in this game."

Taylor looked mentally and physically drained, but he suddenly came back into contention – like a long-distance runner who has found his second wind. He won the frame on the black ball and a slow and undistinguished match had suddenly been given a new meaning.

Taylor: fought back to achieve a spectacular victory

Staring through his now-familiar enlarged lenses, Taylor played his way back into the match with a gathering momentum of compelling strokes to frustrate the efforts of Higgins, who had made breaks of 98 in the eleventh frame and 88 in the 13th.

Taylor's rhythmic play reached a new pitch in the fifteenth frame, where he made 74, and sixteenth, where he fired home a great shot on the yellow and went on to square the match at 8-8.

Taylor took control of the deciding frame, and all Higgins could do was to watch the match slip away from him. He did not score a point and sportingly got up from his seat to shake hands.

All through the week, vast crowds had vociferously supported Higgins, and they did so again on Sunday night. But, when Taylor got up for the start of the deciding frame, they gave him a splendid ovation.

To them, it did not now matter who was going to win. Taylor praised Higgins's game and said he was delighted with the crowd's response. "Snooker was the winner here," he commented.

There were few happier men at the venue than Barry Hearn, who saw yet another of his 'Magnificent Seven' carry off the big prize of £51,000. He declared that his team of Matchroom professionals were well on target for a total sum of £1 million in prize-money before the start of the world championship at Sheffield on April 18.

The Masters title was Taylor's first since he had won the Canadian Masters tournament in Toronto 15 months ago, when he defeated Davis 9-5 in the final. Now, for Taylor, the world championship has more exciting possibilities. Such is the unpredictable nature of his play that he might yet win on the respotted black or finish the match with a break of 147.

In the 1985 world championship final against Davis, he lost the first eight frames, but fought back quietly to 9-7 overnight. On the second day, he levelled the match at 15-15. He was 17-15 down, but forced the match into a decider, and 18.1 million television viewers saw him pot the last ball of the match to win the title.

RESULT: Final: D Taylor (NI) beat A Higgins (NI), 9-8. Frame Scores: (Taylor) 63-37, 16-89, 49-69, 89-41, 60-83, 48-74, 73-11, 91-40, 26-66, 53-38, 0-113, 63-77, 25-92, 61-58, 118-9, 68-40, 82-0.

● Barry Hearn said on Sunday night that Steve Davis would not play in the world team championship, which will have a new format when it starts at Bournemouth on March 18. Instead of the usual contest among eight countries, there will be eight teams, each consisting of three players – though the BBC, who are contracted to televise the event, which has still to find a sponsor, are said to be unhappy about the new format.

The composition of the eight teams will be strictly on world rankings, which means that such exciting young players as Tony Drago and Stephen Hendry will be excluded.

BASKETBALL

Portsmouth win keeps title race open

By Nicholas Harling

The players of HFS Portsmouth returned to the south coast in the early hours of yesterday knowing that they have kept the Carlsberg National League championship issue alive for another four days at least.

Portsmouth's convincing 83-67 win over Calderdale Explorers, a team they had overcome by only four points in the Prudential National Cup semi-final last year, has maintained their slender interest in the race for the title which, more than ever, looks destined to return to Polycell Kingston, whose nineteenth successive League victory this season came in their 116-98 eclipse of Sunderland 76ers.

To remain in contention until next Wednesday's potentially decisive fixture against Kingston at Tolworth, Portsmouth must win their matches in the meantime. Next Saturday's home game against HomeSpare Bolton at Bury should be no problem, but before that, on Thursday evening at Crystal Palace, Portsmouth have a tough encounter with BCP London.

One American out of action, for another two weeks at least, is Brian Kellybrew, but at least London managed to win for the first time in four games without their prize asset. Paul Stimpson, the England captain, who has stepped into Kellybrew's place, responded with his best haul of the season (34 points) in the 95-91 defeat of Heartbeat Birmingham.

London, however, might not have emerged successful after relinquishing a 15-point lead, had such contentious decisions by England's top two officials, Colin Gerrard and Alan Richardson, not all gone their way in the last half minute. "I'm thinking of taking up refereeing so I can get my own back," said David Lloyd, Birmingham's new signing, who looks more relaxed than ever now that he is back in a playing capacity after being recently relieved of the responsibility of coaching duties for BPCC Rams Derby.

Derby's 103-85 home defeat by Alphaprint Royals left them at the foot of the first division but they still have the same number of points as Bolton, who were also beaten at home, 91-79 by Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates. Bracknell were without Sam Stiller, who completed a two-match suspension for his previous weekend's dismissal at Calderdale, the reason for his expulsion there being confirmed, in a way, by Mark Newton, Bracknell's general manager. "He did not give the referee two fingers, he put one finger up twice," said Newton.

The champions, Sharp Manchester United, warmed up for this week's matches at Leicester tomorrow and at home to Kingston on Saturday by winning 101-89 at Drapers Tools Solent Stars with Phillips (31 points) dominant as usual.

Kevin Cadle, the coach of Polycell Kingston, the National Basketball League leaders, is on a short list of three for the job of Great Britain coach. Joe Whelton, of Sharp Manchester United, and Bill Beswick, the former England coach, are the other candidates who will be interviewed for the post on February 26. The successful applicant will be in charge of B team that will be attempting to reach the 1988 Olympic tournament.

VOLLEYBALL

Administration error costs Polonia dearly

By a Special Correspondent

Polonia's hopes of taking the English men's first division title for the third successive year have suffered an off-court setback. The English Volleyball Association confirmed yesterday that the London club will forfeit the points from their league match with Portsmouth Heatseal, which was due to take place on January 11.

Sandy Dewar, the Royal Bank Scottish League organizer, said yesterday: "Polonia will forfeit the match and be subject to a £20 fine. Their secretary sent out the wrong confirmation of the time of their fixture to Portsmouth and the two points will be awarded to their opponents."

The administrative slip – apparently the Polonia secretary indicated to Portsmouth that the match was scheduled for 7 p.m. instead of a 1.30 p.m. start – could prove costly as Speedwell Rucanor have built up a 10-point lead at the top

The Avon side defeated Portsmouth and Spark, both by 3-0 scorelines, at the weekend and the two points awarded to Portsmouth before the forfeit lifts them off the bottom of the first division. Polonia have now lost four matches while Speedwell, with only one defeat, must be favourites for the title.

The honour of the only undefeated team in the top three divisions of the leagues, however, goes to Star Aquila, from Leatherhead, who are challenging for the third division (South) title. On Sunday, Aquila took just one hour and 10 minutes to beat the RAF 3-0 – their first defeat – to move within four points of their weekend opponents at the top of the division.

In the Royal Bank Scottish League, East Kilbride, in fourth place, are set to have an important role in the destination of the men's first division title. After defeating Scottish Farm 3-2 on Saturday, Kilbride meet the top three teams in the division over the next three weeks.

Royal Bank English League

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Polonia	13	9	4	18
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Dragonara Leeds	12	8	4	16
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Spark	15	8	7	16
Newcastle (Staff)	14	7	7	14
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Women's first division				
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Spark	10	7	3	14
Arsenal	11	7	4	14
Speedwell	11	6	5	12
Portsmouth	11	5	6	10
Bradford	12	5	7	10
Birmingham	9	2	7	4
Southgate	11	1	10	2
Southsea	11	0	11	0

ICE SKATING: EUROPE'S ELITE GO ON PARADE AS THE BRIT ISH SEARCH FOR THAT MAGIC FORMULA

Witt can change the anthem

From Michael Coleman, Sarajevo

Since 17 of the 18 medal winners at the European figure skating championships starting here tomorrow are going to be Soviet, it is no wonder that the Sarajevo contest is being dubbed as another "Soviet Open".

Only the regal Katarina Witt, of East Germany, could guarantee another national anthem being heard, though even she is fallible as her surrender of the world title to Debi Thomas last March showed.

How this Soviet stranglehold has come about can be examined and explained but at another time. The first evidence of it will appear in the Zetra and Skenderija rinks today when the men's compulsory figures are decided and the pairs contest their opening short programme.

In the absence of the injured Josef Sabovcic, the title holder from Czechoslovakia – a victim, incidentally, of the huge quadruple jumps he has been attempting these past two seasons – the field is left clear for an inter-Soviet battle between the highly-admired Vladimir Kotin and Aleksandr ('Sasha') Fadeyev. Dogging both is their compatriot, the elegant Viktor Petrenko, a Ukrainian, who is himself under future threat from the reserve, his younger brother Vladimir.

The much-maligned judges can be expected to put Fadeyev into the lead after today's figures – John Curry's recent criticisms while interviewed by Barry Davies for the BBC (*The Times*, January 24) are unlikely as yet to have had any effect – but their placings of the non-Soviet contenders below him will help decide whether or not this is to be a Soviet one-two-three.

Robinson: looking impressive

Some high jumps were being put in during yesterday's practice by Petra Barna, the Czech, Falko Kirsten (East Germany) and to a lesser degree by Poland's Grzegorz Filipowski, who seems to have lost some of his promise since he and his trainer emigrated (with approval) to Canada. The impression they make (or dare we say, have already made) on the judges in the figures events, however, will be the crucial factor.

No less impressive in his jumping was Paul Robinson, who has blossomed since spending most of the past year in Canada under Kerry Leitch. He has pulled off all the triples, bar the axel, in training here – which incidentally goes on from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, even during the contest proper – and bears little resemblance to the Robinson who flopped for Britain at the Sarajevo Olympics two years ago.

But, as his domestic trainer, and mother, Inge Dorn, points out, he is up against the Soviet trio who are "a class apart".

Those with memories long enough will feel extra warmth towards Robinson on learning that his grandfather, Vincent, was the Enoch in that famous wartime singing trio on radio's *Hippodrome* namely Ramsbottom, Enoch and Me.

It will be even tougher for our pairs champions, Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor, who supplemented their home coaching coming – from Wendy Paton at Nottingham – with six weeks in Canada, also with Leitch.

New club competition gives Britain hope

By John Hennessy

On the evidence of a southern division match at Lee Valley at the weekend, the Skate Electric Challenge competition promises to put new life into British ice skating at a critical moment. The debilitated state of the nation in this respect is certain to be underlined in this week's European figure skating championships and thus highlight the need for immediate convalescence.

This new competition covers four aspects of the sport – free skating, ice dance, speed and show skating – and reaches its climax at Streatham on April 19. Its format accommodates skaters from under six to over 66 years of age.

In these early stages four clubs compete in each preliminary match, inducing club camaraderie and healthy inter-club rivalry. All this is welded into regional solidarity in April as North, South, Midlands and West fight it out for the title.

Only one team is so far known, the one to represent the North. Teesside provides the free skaters and racers, Sheffield the ice dancers and Whitley Bay the show company. Thus three groups of camp followers will be rooting with one voice at Streatham. Quadruple the attendance to accommodate the other three regions and you have the makings of a highly-charged final.

Saturday's team winners were Lee Valley, a laudable achievement for a rink laid down only three years ago. They won three sections of the tournament, yielding only to the powerful Peterborough speed skaters. Clad like colorado beetles, Peterborough comprehensively won all five races, from the diminutive Pee-Wees (under-12) to the senior men and women.

Even so, the man of the match, so to speak, was not a man, nor even a woman, but the elfin Nancy Pearson, aged 12, who was second to Jennifer Shorten (Lee Valley) in the senior women's free skating for Gillingham. She has a delicate, oriental elegance distantly reminiscent of Tiffany Chin, the gifted American, which adequately compensates for her lack of mastery — at present — of the jumps.

Her new distinction was a recognition also of her starring role in the Barnum show number so enterprisingly devised and costumed by Gillingham. It was surprising that the judges relegated them to second place behind Lee Valley's bevy of Pearly Queens, who were strong on presentation but short on actual skating.

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Inheritance no qualification for entry

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Rahman

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Bingham and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment February 2]

The requirement in the immigration rules that an applicant seeking entry to the United Kingdom in order to establish himself in business had to show that he would be bringing not less than £100,000 of his own to invest in the business was not satisfied by his simply inheriting a business of that value already established in the country.

The Court of Appeal (Sir Denys Buckley dissenting) allowed an appeal by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal from Mr Justice Woolf who, in judicial review proceedings (*The Times* November 13, 1985), had quashed and remitted for reconsideration their decision on January 24, 1984, affirming the decision of the adjudicator on August 9, 1983, that the applicant, Mohammed Shayequr Rahman, could not satisfy the requirements of paragraphs 35 to 37 of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 394 of 1980).

Mr David Pannick for the appeal tribunal; Mr K. S. Nathan for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that the immigration rules in force at the relevant time had since been replaced by HC 66 of 1982, but the relevant paragraphs remained the same.

Paragraph 35 required a person seeking entry for the purpose of establishing himself in business, in addition to certain other requirements, to show "that he will be bringing money of his own to put into the business" and that "in no case should the amount of money to be invested by the applicant be less than £100,000".

The applicant's father had built up a business in the North of England, comprising the ownership and operation of three restaurants and two take-away food shops.

On his father's death, the applicant, who was a citizen of Bangladesh, inherited nearly all of the business, and applied to enter the country in order to run it.

But his application to enter as a businessman under paragraph 35 was refused on the ground that since he was not introducing any new capital into the business he could not satisfy the requirement to invest £100,000.

The appeal tribunal affirmed the decision of the adjudicator but Mr Justice Woolf allowed the applicant's appeal and quashed their decision.

The judge accepted that on a literal reading of the rules the applicant could not be credited for money already in the business, but thought that that led to an "astonishingly unattractive result" and, bearing in mind the policy considerations, he concluded that what he had to consider was "the intention which has been manifested by the rules read, as they should be read, in the round".

He adopted the "broad common sense construction" used by Lord Justice Donaldson in *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Peikazadi* ((1979) 80 Imm A R 191, 192) in relation to a predecessor of paragraph 35, and decided that the rules should be applied in a manner which involved them covering not only a situation where an applicant had not yet put money into a business but also where money had already been put in by him.

Paragraph 67 of HC 394 specifically stated: "A passenger who does not qualify for admission under the foregoing provisions of the rules is to be refused leave to enter". Paragraphs 35 and 36, unlike their predecessor, contained very specific requirements in clear language.

To hold that those words covered a case where the applicant had succeeded to an existing business and intended to invest nothing of his own in it was in his Lordship's view impossible unless there was to be found elsewhere in the rules a plain purpose that refraining from taking money out of the business was to be regarded as putting money into it.

Although a degree of latitude greater than in the case of a statute might be applied in the construction of the rules, that latitude did not extend to departing from the plain ordinary neutral meaning of the language.

Lord Justice Bingham delivered a concurring judgment.

SIR DENYS BUCKLEY, dissenting, said that paragraph 35, construed sensibly, did not require the applicant to bring the requisite funds from outside the United Kingdom; it was sufficient that they were under his control and disposable by him.

Bearing in mind that the assets of his father's business were the applicant's to do with as he chose, and that the business as conducted by him was to be regarded as conducted in succession to his father's rather than in continuation of it, no violence to the language was involved in describing the applicant as having "put" those assets into his business.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Richard Reed & Co, Sunderland.

Home Secretary need not give reasons for exclusion orders

Regina v Secretary of State for Home Office, Ex parte Stitt

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment January 28]

The Secretary of State for the Home Department did not have to give reasons for his conclusion that a person was "concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism" within the meaning of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Acts 1976 and 1984 when he made an exclusion order restricting a person from entering any part of Great Britain.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review by the applicant, Sean Stitt, of the refusal by the Home Secretary on July 16, 1985 to revoke an exclusion order made under the 1976 Act on January 12, 1978 and to order the secretary of state to give reasons for the imposition of the exclusion order.

Mr Peter Thornton for the applicant; Mr John Laws for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said he accepted the three submissions made on behalf of the secretary of state.

First, the 1976 Act had accorded a comprehensive package of rights to candidates for exclusion, all of which had been adhered to in this case.

Second, the basis of the refusal to give reasons was based on the ground of security and the Divisional Court would not examine the strength of justification once there was bone fide evidence that security was involved.

Finally, there had been delay, although had the applicant had a powerful case it was unlikely the lapse of time would have mattered.

Furthermore, the advent of the 1984 Act which supplanted the 1976 Act introduced a provision that no exclusion order could last beyond three years. That meant the secretary of state had to contemplate, not the possibility of reviewing the order, but had to go through the process of a fresh order if he still considered it necessary.

The order in the present case was due to expire on March 21, 1987, three years after the 1984 Act came into force.

Solicitors: Ms Marie Staunton, Bermondsey; Treasury Solicitor.

Speedy disposal of custody cases

Belton v Belton

Before Lord Justice Purchas and Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss

[Judgment February 2]

Where a parent who had been given care and control of a child of the marriage applied for leave to remove the child out of the jurisdiction of the English court, it was in the interests of all the parties concerned for the court to dispose of the matter immediately.

It would be wrong for the court, in the absence of any exceptional circumstances, to adjourn the application generally for a period of 18 months and for a particular judge to make a formal reservation of the case to himself.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the mother, Mrs Lianne Belton, from a decision of Judge Head sitting as a deputy High Court judge on August 15, 1986.

Mr and Mrs Belton were divorced in 1985 and both were awarded joint custody of the child of the marriage. Care and control was given to the mother. Susequently the mother applied to the court for leave to take the child to live in New Zealand where the mother and her new husband intended to reside.

The judge ordered that "the application stand adjourned and reserved to . . . Judge Head and to be restored on application . . . in his December London sitting in 1988".

Mr J. M. A. De Burgos for the mother; Miss Ann Hussey for the father.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the judge was wrong to adjourn the case as he did and to reserve the case to himself. Clearly, there occurred from time to time cases with specially intricate problems where it was important to reserve the case to the judge concerned. No such features were present in the instant case.

As a matter of practice, those in charge of listing cases in the Family Division tried, when it was reasonably possible and convenient, to list cases before the same judge; but to make a formal reservation to himself, as the judge did, was a different matter.

Family Division judges who did reserve cases to themselves when it was necessary would add the qualifying words "if available", for obvious reasons.

It was unnecessary for a deputy High court judge to make a rigid order reserving the case to himself. It would cause unnecessary delay which would not be justified, particularly in the case of a long adjournment such as that ordered by the judge in the present case. A deputy High Court judge should avoid reserving cases to himself because of the *ad hoc* nature of his appointment.

His Lordship went on to consider the merits of the case and concluded that the judge had erred in law and in the exercise of his discretion and that, therefore, the appeal should be allowed and the judge's order substituted with an order that the mother's application be granted and that she should be given leave to take the child to New Zealand.

Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Carpenter Costerton & Co, Wallington; Brand & Co, Sutton.

Judges are urged to impose long custodial sentences on muggers

Regina v Edwards
Regina v Larter

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice McCowan

[Judgment February 2]

The Court of Appeal reiterated that judges should impose long custodial sentences on young muggers of women at night in urban areas.

Applications by Alan Edwards, aged 22, and Stephen Larger, aged 22, for leave to appeal against sentence were refused. Each was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Paiba) after conviction of robbery of Mrs Waugh, aged 48, a London Transport bus conductress in Kennington.

Mr Karl Scholz for the applicants.

MR JUSTICE CAULFIELD, giving the judgment of the court, said that, at about 10.15pm in November 1985, Mrs Waugh was returning on foot to her bus from her meal break after the first part of her shift. She was in uniform and was bound to have on her some of the takings.

The two applicants drew abreast of her, one of them grabbed her tightly by the throat, held her up against some railings and, using indecent language, demanded her money.

One of them went through her pockets, removed twenty to thirty £1 coins and fled. They were arrested some ten minutes later, each having a number of £1 coins.

It was said that the sentence was too high.

As the Lord Chief Justice said in *R v O'Brien* ((1984) 6 Cr App R (S) 274), such an offence was very serious. When offenders were caught robbing women particularly at night and in the dark they had to expect long sentences.

Mr Scholz said that the applicants had not used much violence. Of course, two young fit men meeting a 48-year-old lady did not need to use a machine gun to overcome her. They used such violence as was necessary to achieve their purpose.

It would be tautologous to repeat what the Lord Chief Justice said in *O'Brien*. However, lest what was said had not been broadcast sufficiently, it could be said tersley today.

Where young men who attacked others, particularly women, late at night in urban areas for the purpose of robbery – even though they did not kick the victim to death, or strangle her, or leave her utterly maimed – judges should impose long custodial sentences, such as in the present case.

Mrs Waugh was a healthy lady but was away some weeks from work. She returned to work but could endure it for only one day. That was not surprising and showed the measure of how frightening such an attack was on a woman.

The amount involved in the case was beside the point. It could have been hundreds or thousands of pounds, or it could have been pennies. The sentence was properly the same.

There was no merit in the applications and they were refused.

Solicitors: Murrays.

Delay upon delay

Regina v Horseferry Road Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex Parte Wilson

The opinion of a stipendiary magistrate that a case ought to proceed on the next occasion as it had already been subjected to substantial delay did not prevent another stipendiary magistrate hearing the case on a subsequent occasion from granting a further adjournment.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson) so held on January 23 when dismissing an application for *mandamus* by the defendant to compel the Horseferry Road Stipendiary Magistrate to dismiss an information alleging that the defendant had driven a motor car with a breath alcohol level in excess of the legal limit contrary to section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981.

hile Britain's racing freezes, New Yorkers laugh all the way to the track

Punters revel in dirt at the Big A

Simon Barnes

New York

The temperature has not been above freezing for weeks in New York. Central Park is covered in snow. At the smarter end, skaters glide about the ice to the tune of *Lullaby of Broadway*. Along the streets, the snow has been shoved into three-foot high ramparts, dirty grey and solid as a rock.

Plumes of steam gush from the gratings in authentic New York fashion, as if the dragon who lives beneath the city were feeling the chill. Not, you would think, the obvious day to go racing.

In Britain, racing reels under its annual hammer-blow from the weather. The weather is the same on each side of the Atlantic. In Britain, racing has stopped, but in New York, the show goes on.

The race train may leave from a subway station, but all race trains are the same. Silent, lonely men try to outstare *Racing Form*. It is a sure and certain fact that one of the horses in *every single race* is a winner: all that remains to be done is to seek him out.

The Aqueduct race track is an hour by train from mid-town, out through the wilds of Brooklyn and hard by JFK airport. It sounds a little charmless, and indeed, it is. You must go to Belmont in the spring if you want charm. What you get at the Big A is just racing: the raw commodity, as it were. That you get it at all is a miracle of organization.

The racing is all on the flat, and naturally, it happens on what is called dirt. That sounds *as if they took a few* shovel-loads of stuff that nobody else wanted and scattered it about a bit: not so. The so-called dirt is the product of much research and ceaseless care. How else would racing be possible on such a day?

The track comprises a base, which is crushed limestone, and a cushion, which is a mix of sand and clay. A fleet of monstrous tractors harrows the track throughout the meeting. They ride on bulbous balloon tyres, because conventional tyres would disturb the careful layering. Any time there weren't horses actually racing, the tractors were working.

"We can beat freezing conditions by constantly breaking it up, so it *can't freeze solid*," said Don Orlando, the assistant to the track manager. "We get problems when there is a sudden thaw – like today!"

For the weather had worked a flanker and hopped up a vital couple of degrees over-night, and gallons of *water had appeared as if by enchantment*: millions and millions of gallons that could not run away. Thaw, not freeze, is the problem with artificial tracks. *The racing surface turned into* grey soup. The horses looked as if they were racing through unset cement: they and jockeys finished looking like freshly-cast statues. All in all, it was one of the most bizarre sights I have seen in racing. But they raced.

Conditions were, everybody admitted, marginal. But safe: under the water, the surface was holding together just about adequately. When it is unsafe, the jockeys can vote to stop the meeting, as they did last Friday. But the following day, with water up round the horses' knees, they were off again.

And there were 14,400 of us there to see it, and we were all inside the monstrous, *glass-fronted grandstand*. Admission to the grandstand is $2, much less than it would be in England. With all-tote betting, the track neither needs nor wants a high admission charge. Betting turnover at the track on the day was around $4 million. *Serious players,* these New Yorkers.

"Racing is big, big business," said Edward P Seigenfeld, the vice-president of the New York Racing Association. No one was arguing. And of course, you could buy a genuinely-edible snack and a drink without queuing for four hours to do so, move about freely (the track has a capacity of 90,000) and enjoy your racing in warmth and comfort. One of the best two bucks' worth in New York.

Of course, New Yorkers complain about it. They say winter racing is *pretty poor stuff. On Saturday*, the total prize money for the nine-race card was $300,000. Something worth, you will agree, a little splashing about *in the mud for*. Racing goes on for six days a week, and the three New York tracks, Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga, give you 310 days of racing in the year. Aqueduct lost five race days in a row when the snow storms first hit New York, which was something almost unprecedented. But mostly, the track would have coped: the problem was that the race-goers could not get there.

Meanwhile in Britain, our more-charming winter game is at a standstill, and the horses are eating their heads off in idleness.

Eight apply for all-weather tracks

The Jockey Club has received eight applications, of which four are existing racecourses, for the provision of an all-weather track.

The Jockey Club and Levy Board originally invited submissions from the 59 British racecourses, and any other interested parties, with a deadline for last Friday.

Announcing the news, press officer Monica Dixon said that the stewards will be meeting next Monday to study a report on all-weather tracks, with a particular regard to surfaces.

Mr Dibbs can confirm promise

By Mandarin

Mr Dibbs, the horse that failed to complete a four-timer at Leicester eight days ago for Mrs Jenny Pitman, can make *amends today on the same* course. Despite the recent harsh weather, the Upper Lambourn trainer has her horses in top form. Her recent success she attributes to a lorry load of salt that was put down on the all-weather gallop which kept the frost away.

Mr Dibbs performed well on his first venture over fences, *finishing second to the* more experienced Cumrew. The gelding set out to make all the running, but was caught close home and beaten three-quarters of a length.

The six-year-old is a half-*brother* to the useful Beuche Giorod who won many races for Mrs Pitman, including the Massey Ferguson Chase at Cheltenham. The Random Shot gelding has always looked a chaser in the making and today's distance of three miles will be ideal for him. Today, he is napped to win the Silver Bell Novices' Chase.

The likely danger looks to be Vivaque, his stable companion, who lost his rider at the fifth fence in the same contest that Mr Dibbs ran in. Previously, Vivaque finished a creditable third behind Deviner at Worcester.

Diaconus has twice come up against the unbeaten Rapier Thrust, winner of five races, this season. On his last outing he got within five lengths of Jimmy Fitgerald's useful performer.

This time, there is nothing of that class running in the EBF Novices' Hurdle, and he now looks ready to open his account. The dark horse in the *contest is Shrewd Investor*, a Proverb gelding, who is owned by Robert Sangster's wife, Susan.

David Nicholson has two useful runners in the field, Sicilian Passage and Condicote Boy. But on this occasion, I take Diaconus, trained by Mercy Rimell, to give the Kinnersley handler, who has recently returned from her Australian holiday, a warm welcome home.

Turkana just failed to land a gamble at Wolverhampton last Wednesday when he was beaten short head by A Boy *Named Sioux*."If he had not ploughed through the second-last he would have certainly won,." reported Richard Dunwoody, the dejected jockey, who again will be in the saddle. The Terry Casey-trained gelding can recoup the losses in the Marshall Handicap Chase.

Casey, who has trained 18 winners this year from his Adstone yard in North*amptonshire, can make it* a double at the meeting with **Roundgrey**, in the Burton Lazars Selling Hurdle.

Last Monday on this course, Roundgrey was dropped to selling company for the first *time*. The gelding was travelling well in the lead until being badly hampered at the last flight. On that occassion he was ridden by a claiming jockey, today he will benefit from the stronger handling of Dunwoody.

The General Ironside gelding showed that he has the ability to win a race when finishing third to the useful Commeragh King at Wetherby in a novice hurdle. There appears to be nothing of that calibre in today's event.

Owen O'Neill, who trains at Cleeve Hill near the Chelten*ham racecourse, may* have the answer to the Oadby Novices' Hurdle with **Christian Schad**.

The gelding has recently joined his stables and first time out for his new handler the gelding opened his account over hurdles at Worcester by seven lengths from Royal Cracker.

The former classic hope, who was once ridden by Lester Piggott in the 2,000 Guineas *Trial at Salisbury where* he finished third to Lidhame, has now found his niche in life.

Broxted Spar, who has been bred specifically for National Hunt racing, looks the main danger. At Leicester last week *the gelding* finished a respectable fourth to his stable companion Cantassium, But I take Christian Schad's experience and class to win the day.

Nicky Henderson has opted for an unusual contest, the Charnwood Claiming Hurdle, for **Snowy Pearl**, who has yet to run over timber. The gelding, owned by the trainers wife, *Diana*, has shown some ability in National Hunt 'bumper races' and will not have to be anything special to win this moderate event.

Martin Pipe has declared two runners, Careen and Redgrave Artist, who both have shown they have ability, but this has usually been in selling company.

Leicester hangs in balance

It is touch and go whether Leicester will race today. The *stewards were holding a course* inspection at 7.30am. Yesterday, Nick Lees, the clerk of the course, reported: "Prospects are *still* 50-50. Although the frost is gradually coming out of the ground, it is coming out very slowly".

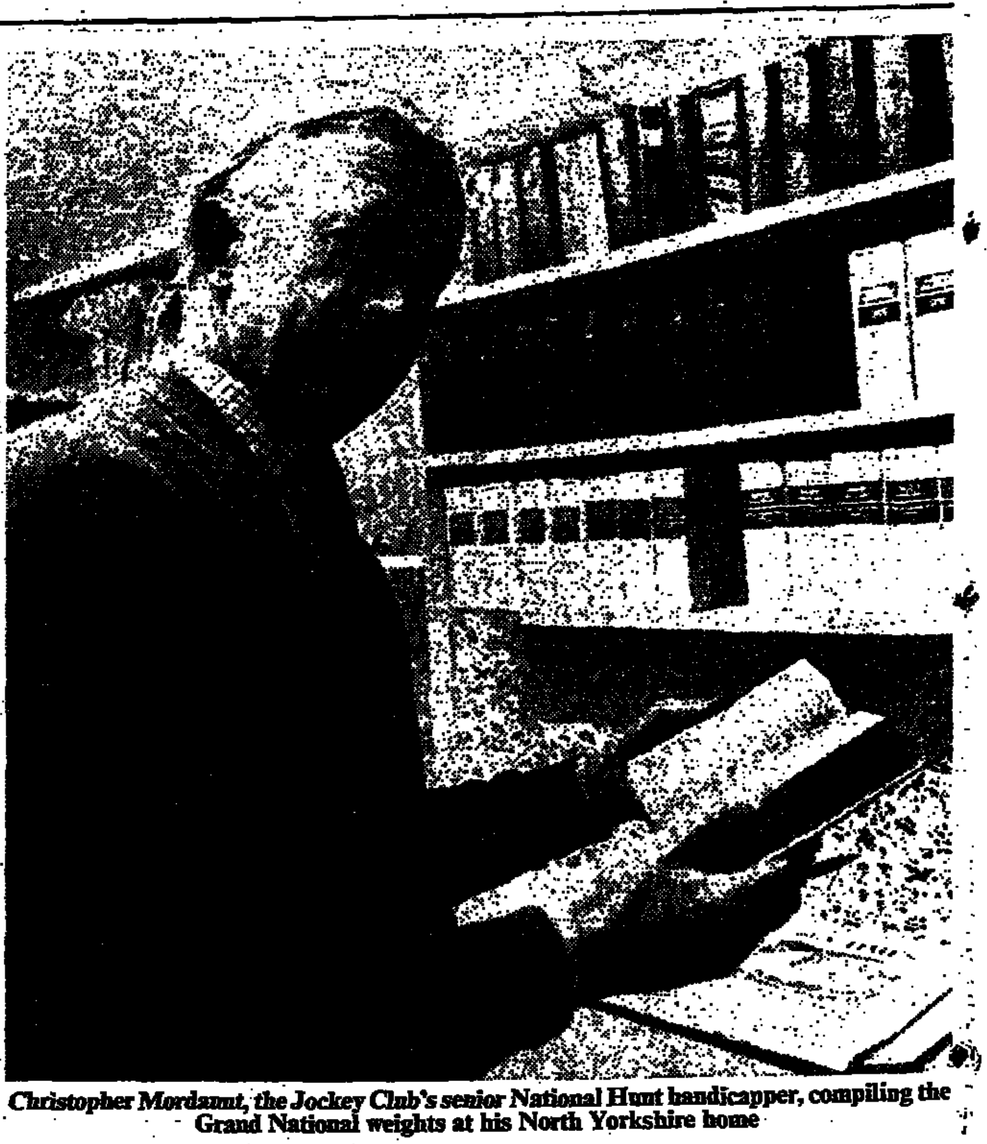
Today's other scheduled meeting, Sedgefield, was called off yesterday because of frost and is the 49th casualty this season.

With milder weather forecast, there are brighter prospects for tomorrow's two fixtures, Windsor and Hereford.

Armstrong can add to tally

Robert Armstrong can continue the successful start to the Cagnes-sur-Mer Flat racing season made by British trainers by saddling Brown Bear Boy (Paul Tulk) to win the Prix de Draguignan (5f) today (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The two other British challengers are Mark Usher's Lord Westgate (*Michael* Wigham) and William Hastings-Bass's Grundy's Flame (Richard Lines).



Christopher Mordaunt, the Jockey Club's senior National Hunt handicapper, compiling the Grand National weights at his North Yorkshire home

Mordaunt in the hot seat over a weighty problem

If Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, Aintree will be won in a small book-lined study in the North Yorkshire village of Westow.

There, Christopher Mordaunt, the Jockey Club's senior National Hunt handicapper, compiles the weights for the Grand National, which will be announced today.

His decisions will fire a thousand arguments, persuade owners and trainers whether or not to run, prompt *jockeys to make themselves* available for what they believe to be well-weighted mounts, and sway the multi-million pound betting market on the race.

Handicap includes element of 'feel'

A heavy responsibility, but one that Mordaunt, a slim, good-humoured man in his fifties, takes in his stride. "The National is a challenge," he says. "It is what I would call a hand-made handicap, in that it includes an element of 'feel', an element which cannot always be taken directly from a horse's previous form."

That is the crux of Mordaunt's problem. The race is unique, a one-off, and *so Aintree form lines are* necessarily sparse. Where then, does he start to assess this, his fourth National?

"Liverpool form is paramount, and that largely means National form, although the Whitbread Trophy and the Foxhunters' Chase (both run over the National fences) may also provide some clues.

"Red Rum was without peer at Liverpool. Although he was not Gold Cup-winning standard, you could not expect him to meet a Gold Cup winner on the same terms at Liverpool as he would elsewhere.

"You have to take form shown on other courses and try to gauge how a horse will react to the National, the element of 'feel' I mentioned. If, for instance, a horse has jumped well but been slightly outpaced over three miles, he may be the type to adapt to the demands and the distance of the National. Although having said that horses with a touch of class who did not stay extreme distances on park courses have a good record at Aintree."

However Mordaunt evaluates the race he can count on one certainty: he will upset somebody. Colourful outbursts against the handicapper are, it must be admitted, gleefully reported by the press, but it is a hazard Mordaunt has come to terms with. "I suppose it's a bit like referees, I'm there to be shot at, and, of course, people are entitled to their opinions.

"But if I am considered harsh on a horse which is placed I can only think there must be some very badly handicapped horse behind. When I compile the weights my watchword is to be fair, to give each horse an equal chance of winning. I am trying to create a spectacle and a good betting medium."

The National provides another peril in that the weights must be announced two months in advance of the race. A lot can change in that time. "By the time the race comes around there will be horses I feel I should have given more weight, and some less. But that is the nature of the race, once the weights have been announced they cannot be changed," he says.

To see Mordaunt as a man beleaguered is to get the wrong impression, as he is at pains to point out. "If a trainer feels I am being too hard on one of his horses I am delighted to listen. Overall, I believe that owners and trainers are fair in their judgment. I am not under constant siege from outraged trainers."

The desire to be fair to all, and more importantly not to be unfair to some, recurs. Mordaunt weighs his answers carefully, the mark of a man who must define precise merit almost daily, and offers this thought on the horses with which he deals. "I feel that every horse I handicap, with proven recent form, can win a race off its present rating."

That remark applies to all steeplechasers, as Mordaunt is responsible for handicapping all the steeplechasers to run in this country. He shares the National Hunt handicapping duties with two others, who divide responsibility for the hurdlers.

He travels 30,000 miles a year to attend on average four race meetings a week throughout the country. His own province, the chasers, have to be assessed, and he keeps an eye on the hurdlers for his fellow handicappers. He may be *consulted for advice in* stewards' inquiries into a horse's improved or disappointing running. It is also a chance to meet trainers and other professionals.

Then there are the previous day's papers to be scoured for any additional information, his handicapping colleagues to be consulted, constant reference to the form book and revision of ratings.

A full day, but one *Mordaunt relishes, and has* done for 20 years. A captain in the 9th/12th Lancers, he wanted to be involved with racing "at the point of the action", and there is no disputing he is there now.

Fitting reward for his efforts

What does he see as the fitting reward for his efforts? "*Most people think that a* handicapper's dream is to have a multiple dead-heat, but as that has not happened yet it's hardly worth thinking about.

"My aim is to provide *competitive, good-sized fields* and an open betting market. If there is a closely-fought finish then that is a bonus."

Mordaunt is prohibited by his position from betting, but he can offer the rest of us some advice on finding the National winners. "Be guided by Aintree form," he says. "Go for a horse which jumps well and is a proven stayer, and concentrate on those horses which show their best form on good ground, as the going is rarely deep at Liverpool."

George Rae

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Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Christian Schad.
2.00 Roundgrey.
2.30 Snowy Pearl.
3.00 Turkana.
3.30 **MR DIBBS** (nap).
4.00 Diaconus.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Cons Pal. 3.30 **STAR OF SCREEN** (nap). 4.00 Shrewd Investor.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 **CHRISTIAN SCHAD.**

Going: soft (7.30am inspection)

1.30 OADBY NOVICE HURDLE (£1,017: 2m) (16 runners)

1	03200-1	CHRISTIAN SCHAD (D) (Miss M Pratten) O O'Neill 5-11-4	A Webb	● 99	F5-2
2	332-014	LINFAST (B,D) (E Lodge) J Perrett 5-11-4	Steve Knight	96	8-1
5	P-100	FLOWER OF TINTERN (D) (Mrs A Chatten) D Ringer 5-10-13	D Murphy	83	10-1
6	0	ALWAYS DANGEROUS (Mrs V Harrison) J Spearing 5-10-12	T Wall	—	12-1
7	F4	BROXTED SPAR (T Wardle) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-12	B de Haan	83	7-2
8		CARRIGEEN CASTLE (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 7-10-12	T Pinfield (7)	—	20-1
12	204	DOWJAK (Maj H Porter) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-12	P Scudamore	89	9-2
14	4PPFP-	FROM CLARE-TE-HERE (J Harrop & Co Ltd) R E Peacock 6-10-12	—	—	25-1
16	PP-000	MAIN REASON (V) (F Lee) F Lee 5-10-12	S Holland	74	16-1
17	P00	MELTING POT (Mrs S Mangan) Mrs S Oliver 8-10-12	J Duggan	—	14-1
21	300	NO CREDIBILITY (M Stewart) B Richmond 5-10-12	P Corrigan	84	14-1
23	0/23030	POLYNOR (D Thompson) M Ryan 6-10-12	J McLaughlin	82	12-1
26	P0	RICO RANGE (S Taberner) J L Harris 5-10-12	J A Harris	—	12-1
29		SPRINGHOLM (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-10-12	R Dunwoody	—	6-1
34	3000-00	LITTLE NEWINGTON (Capes Management Services Ltd) N Bycroft 6-10-7	G Jones	—	20-1
39	0/0PP-PP	SURELY (D Barbour) A James 6-10-7	Jones	—	20-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

FORM CHRISTIAN SCHAD goes really well with some cut in the ground and looked capable of running up a sequence when (11-0) beating useful novice Royal Cracker (11-0) 7 lengths at Worcester on reappearance (2m, £1001, heavy, Dec 30, 7 ran). LINFAST, winner of a Uttoxeter handicap, was (10-12) creditable 9l 4th to Harry's Bar (10-12) at Newbury last time (2m 4f, £3132, good to soft, Jan 3, 7 ran). BROXTED SPAR, *subject of good reports, showed definite signs of ability when (11-3) 4l 4th to stable mate Cantassium* (11-3) in a Leicester novice hurdle and will improve on that (2m, £906, soft, Jan 26, 15 ran). DOWJAK seems best when going from the front and (10-12) was a good 6l 2nd to Spanish Reel (10-12) at Wolverhampton in November (2m, £1249, firm, 11 ran). POLYNOR does not look up to winning this judged on (11-3) a 14¼l 5th to Sweet Storm (10-12) at Huntingdon (2m 5f, £1245, good to soft, Jan 29, 19 ran). NO CREDIBILITY is inconsistent and ran best race on debut when (11-0) 4l 3rd to Royal Creek (11-0) at Market Rasen (2m, £1611, good, Nov 14, 18 ran).
Selection: CHRISTIAN SCHAD

2.0 BURTON LAZARS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£753: 2m) (17 runners)

1	223004	ROUNDGREY (J Upson) T Casey 6-11-10	R Dunwoody	91	5-1
3	0000-00	FORTYCOATS (H White) O O'Neill 5-11-6	S J O'Neill	—	20-1
5	F-0040P	PLATINUM BLOND (T W Suter & Son Ltd) R Carter 6-11-4	S Woods	96	20-1
7	30P-104	PRONUPTIA BRIDE (P Tsakansianos) D Wintle 6-11-2	A Carroll	98	F7-2
9	PPP-PPP	QUALITAIR PRINCESS (B) (Qualitair Engineering Ltd) K Stone 6-11-0	—	—	33-1
10	01100	SOLENT LAD (D) (E Hiam) B Stevens 4-11-0	—	95	6-1
11	P00P00	LUCKSIN (B) (M Clemence) P Burgoyne 5-10-13	S Keightley	—	25-1
13	U02	CAREER MADNESS (M Ryan) M Ryan 4-10-12	J McLaughlin	94	4-1
15	00/000P	TOWNSVILLE (A Bingley) J Old 6-10-10	C Llewellyn (7)	—	20-1
16	FB4	DALBY GIRL (J Benbow) P Felgate 4-10-10	S Johnson	83	10-1
17	444300	DR CORNELIUS (B) (F Barton) F Barton 6-10-10	Mr J Osborne (7)	94	7-1
18	3304	SOLENT EXPRESS (Mrs M Saunders) B Stevens 4-10-10	—	88	8-1
19	PP0000	SCALE MODEL (J Roper) J Roper 5-10-10	G Mernagh	● 99	20-1
20	000PP-0	JIM BROWN (Mrs H Haynes) H Haynes 6-10-10	Mr A Tory (7)	—	20-1
21	004	GOLDEN AZELIA (R Brazington) R Brazington 4-10-10	R J Beggan	83	12-1
23	00-P00	SUSSEX OVERSEAS (P Hiatt) P Hiatt 5-10-10	D Chinn	—	16-1
24	P04P00	RUDOLPH MOLE (Mrs S Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-10	P Corrigan	—	16-1

FORM ROUNDGREY, ran well early in the season, and was not disgraced last time when (11-12) 25¾l 4th to Shakira Grove (11-2) here with SOLENT LAD (11-2) well beaten in 7th (2m, £745, soft, Jan 2, 14 ran). *PLATINUM BLEND has done little since (10-7) a 17l 4th to Met Officer (10-12) in a Southwell novice* hurdle in November (2m 4f, £984, good to soft, Nov 18, 15 ran). PRONUPTIA BRIDE was heavily backed when winning a competitive Fakenham Seller and (10-10) made significant late headway to be 16¾l 4th to What a Pope (10-2) at same course last time (2m, £986, good to soft, Dec 19, 11 ran). CAREER MADNESS ran best race on latest outing (10-7) finishing 15l 2nd to My Derya (10-7) in a seller here, DALBY GIRL (10-5) 12½l away 4th and RUDOLPH MOLE (10-7) out of the first nine (2m, £794, heavy, Dec 31, 14 ran). GOLDEN AZELIA ran well *when dropped into selling company (10-3) finishing 3¾l 4th to Chatterspark (10-7) at Taunton (2m1f, £488,* soft, Dec 30, 12 ran).
Selection: PRONUPTIA BRIDE

2.30 CHARNWOOD CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,397: 2m) (27 runners)

3	342404	VELESO D (T Forde) J King 9-12-2	S McNeill	91	11-4
5	33-0	SNOWY PEARL (Mrs D Henderson) N Henderson 6-11-12	S Smith Eccles	—	10-1
11	1FRR-R0	DANCING SOVEREIGN (B) (R Wakefield) K Morgan 8-11-6	G McCourt	94	33-1
12	1-12032	HARBOUR BAZAAR (D) (J Shaw) R Simpson 7-11-6	D Gallagher (7)	93	6-1
13	P0-000R	LOVER COVER (B,BF) (Mrs A Garrett) J King 5-11-6	R Dunwoody	—	16-1
14	00/00-03	MY CHALLENGE (D) (K Bedworth) K Bridgwater 9-11-6	W Worthington	86	12-1
15		RECOLLECT (Forme Packaging Supplies Ltd) J Payne 5-11-6	J McLaughlin	—	20-1
16	0030/P0	STANITAS (Mrs R Dickinson) M Dickinson 6-11-6	J Lower (4)	—	20-1
17	00030-P	DREADNOUGHT (D) (J Carden) J Carden 7-11-4	Mr J Carden	—	16-1
18	010-022	FILS-DE-ROI (D) (Mrs Y Todd) R Juckes 6-11-4	T Pinfield (7)	78	20-1
22	0400-00	CONS PAL (D) (F Faulkner) D Wintle 8-11-3	A Carroll	97	12-1
23	240/0-00	ARABIAN SEA (D) (D Gray) R Curtis 8-11-2	K Traylor (7)	—	20-1
24	23-20P0	BEAKER (V) (G Lowe) M Naughton 7-11-2	C Grant	87	14-1
25	440114	CAREEN (D) (M Pipe) M Pipe 5-11-2	S Crook (7)	94	4-1
27	3002/2F	ERRIGAL (W Kendrick) R Hollinshead 7-11-2	P Dever	81	10-1
28	31-1340	I WONDER WHEN (CD) (M Oseman) G Price 6-11-2	J Brown (7)	90	20-1
31	430/F30-	JUNGLE JIM (C Trainer) K Morgan 9-11-2	K Sims	—	16-1
32	1-00003	MATELOT (D,BF) (B Sommerville) M Naughton 5-11-2	NON—RUNNER	—	—
34	P0-F00F	NOBLE BLADE (R Lambert) A Nightingale 8-11-2	—	71	25-1
35	240041	REDGRAVE ARTIST (D) (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-2	P Scudamore	● 99	F9-4
36	22P-F21	REEL GUILT (D) (B Eddeshaw) G Moore 5-11-2	—	86	10-1
41	0P	SAGAREME (F Lee) F Lee 4-11-1	S Holland	70	16-1
42	PP0-01	THERESA (G Blum) G Blum 5-10-13	D Hood (7)	81	10-1
44	002	BUTE BOUQUET (Mrs Y Todd) R Juckes 5-10-11	Samantha Dunster (7)	64	10-1
45	3/00-000	PAT ON THE BACK (B) (B Snooks) G Blum 7-10-11	J Barlow	74	33-1
47	0P/0602-	RUTHS MAGIC (D) (G Price) G M Price 8-10-11	C Price	90	20-1
50	00422	ANGEL DUST (V,BF) (G Whorton) K Stone 4-10-3	—	86	9-1

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

FORM HARBOUR BAZAAR (10-5) ran a decent race in non-selling company here last time (2m, £1419, soft, Jan 26, 13 ran) beaten only a neck by Metman (11-4) with DANCING SOVEREIGN (11-12) 12¾l back in 6th. FILS-DE-ROI (11-0) was beaten 20l in a Stratford Seller (2m, £863, good to soft, Dec 29, 11 ran) last time. CAREEN (10-2) was well up to form at Taunton (2m1f, £2247, soft, Dec 30, 13 ran) when 4L 4th to Lord Murphy (10-2). REDGRAVE ARTIST (11-7) is the most prolific winner in the field, and landed the odds with the *minimum* of fuss at Bangor (2m, sell, £715, soft, Dec 8, 12 ran) last time, beating Blow My Top (11-2) 15l. REEL GUILT (11-3) made a last fence blunder, but still beat Fanny Robin (10-0) a head at Wetherby (2m, sell, £1240, soft, Jan 6, 18 ran) last time, which was a gutsy performance. THERESA (10-1] landed something of a *gamble at Windsor (2m 30y, sell, £1083, good to soft, Jan 1, 7 ran) when a 12l winner from Dabbles Prince (11-5)* RUTHS MAGIC (10-0) put up a decent display in handicap company last season when 7l 2nd to Mighty Steel (10-4) at Taunton (2m 1f, £1564, soft, Jan 23, 15 ran). ANGEL DUST (10-4) stayed on well in the heavy ground when 15l 2nd to Tap 'Em Twice (10-9) at Ayr 82m4f, £885, Jan 2, 6 ran).
Selection: REEL GUILT

3.0 MARSHALL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,707: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

2	0/04-32F	CLAUDE MONET (D,BF) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 9-11-8	P Barton	97	9-4
3	2U1244	NATIVE BREAK (B,D) (R Edwards) Mrs W Sykes 10-11-3	S Morshead	91	16-1
4	000/04-0	GOOD TRADE (H Harper) H Harper 12-11-2	J Suthern	83	20-1
7	0P-0001	FLYING MISTRESS (D) (T Bell) J Webber 9-10-12	G Mernagh	93	9-2
8	F1-1FFF	MAITREDEE (D) (Mrs A Wates) R Gow 8-10-11	C Brown	90	16-1
9	010422	TURKANA (D,BF) (J Upson) T Casey 7-10-10	R Dunwoody	96	14-1
10	030-U03	MEARLIN (C House) J Old 8-10-8	P Scudamore	96	16-1
11	P-00432	GREENORE PRIDE (C) (Andrew Baird) P Burgoyne 10-10-5	G McCourt	● 99	5-1
14	3-00211	JAUNTER (Whiting Commodities Ltd) W Holden 7-10-0	S Keightley	98	F6-4

FORM CLAUDE MONET (11-1) best judged on penultimate outing when ¾l 2nd to French Captain (10-13), with MEARLIN (10-3) out of the first 8 at Chepstow (2m 4f, £2264, soft, Dec 20, 16 ran). NATIVE BREAK (10-12) beaten from 3 out when 17¾l 4th to Covent Garden (12-1) at Wolverhampton (3m1f, £1895, good, Dec 27, 10 ran). FLYING MISTRESS (10-0) returned to form when beating Misty Fort (11-10) a neck at Warwick (2m4f, £2128, good to soft, Dec 27, 5 ran). MAITREDEE (10-5) successful on seasonal debut when beating Latin America (11-2) 3l at Plumpton (2m4f, £2184, good to soft, Nov 10, 12 ran). TURKANA (10-5) made a mistake 2 out but stayed on to be a short head 2nd to A Boy Named Sioux (10-10) at Wolverhampton *(2m4f, £216, good, Jan 28, 10 ran). GREENORE PRIDE (10-0) found Toirdealbhach (10-10) 2½l too good here* (2m, £1914, soft, Jan 26, 5 ran). JAUNTER (10-9) on hat-trick after beating Barryphilips Disco (11-2) a length at Wetherby (2m 4f, £2072, soft, Jan 6, 11 ran).
Selection: JAUNTER

3.30 SILVER BELL NOVICE CHASE (£1,984: 3m) (13 runners)

7	44	BRIDGETOWN LAD (V Raibin) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-2	S Morshead	89	12-1
9	000	COMPTON BOY (R Clements) C Holmes 11-11-2	K Burke	69	33-1
10	44-2	DANGEROUS GAME (BF) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 8-11-2	K Mooney	86	9-2
11	0/3P-P4F	FALKLAND HERO (C Slack) J Webber 8-11-2	G Mernagh	86	12-1
18	0-F0002	MR DIBBS (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-2	B de Haan	● 99	3-1
22	2032-32	REDDOWN (Mrs H Haynes) R Armytage 9-11-2	Mr M Armytage (7)	98	8-1
23	0400-00	RIVERSFIELD PARK (Transplant Ltd) C Holmes 6-11-2	C Cox	—	20-1
28	P0PF30-	STARGAZE (P Smith) R Curtis 7-11-2	K Traylor	69	25-1
29	0400-34	STAR OF SCREEN (R McAlpine) J Edwards 7-11-2	P Barton	87	F5-2
30	02FF-33	THE JOESTAN (B) (S Powell) P Haynes 8-11-2	A Webb	78	6-1
32	30/30-3U	VIVAQUE (R Baker) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2	G Bradley	92	10-1
34	F0F	COOLEK (R Burton) Mrs W Sykes 11-10-11	C Smith	—	25-1
35	0	GILLOGUE LOUGH (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 6-10-11	R Dunwoody	—	12-1

FORM BRIDGETOWN LAD (11-4) not disgraced when 18¾l 4th to Master Bob (11-4) at Cheltenham (2m,£3111, good, Dec 5, 8 ran). DANGEROUS GAME (11-0) should strip fitter for a 4l 2nd to The Thirsty Farmer (11-0) at Taunton (3m 1f, £1885, soft, Dec 30, 14 ran). MR DIBBS (10-12) headed after the last when ¾l 2nd to Cumrew (10-12), with COOLEK (10-7) a 3rd fence casualty, VIVAQUE (10-12) unseating at the 5th and FALKLAND HERO (10-12) still in touch when falling at the 14th over this course and distance (£3168, soft, Jan 26, 13 ran). REDDOWN (10-12) caught close home when a short head 2nd to Ivy League (11-4) here (3m, £1943, heavy, Dec 31, 11 ran). STAR OF SCREEN (11-0) best judged on an 8l 3rd to Gold Tycoon (11-0) at Bangor (2m 4f, £2328, soft, Dec 8, 16 ran). On *penultimate start* VIVAQUE (10-12) finished 23l 3rd to Deviner (10-12) at Worcester (2m4f, £3410, soft, Nov 19, 17 ran).
Selection: MR DIBBS

4.0 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,991: 2m) (16 runners)

2	1441	SICILIAN PASSAGE (D) (Mrs S Catherwood) D Nicholson 5-11-10	—	97	F6-4
8		AIR BROKER (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 6-11-0	A Webb	—	10-1
10		BILBIE (H Collins) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-0	A Sharpe	—	10-1
12	00-4	BUCK AND DOE RUN (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 6-11-0	P Scudamore	85	8-1
15	04	CONDICOTE BOY (D Sanger) D Nicholson 6-11-0	—	94	12-1
18	02	DIACONUS (National Pig Development Co Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-0.	S Morshead	● 99	7-2
25	000-420	HARLEY STREET MAN (J Powis) C Jackson 6-11-0	R Hyett	98	20-1
27	0	KYLEMAKILL (J Heaton) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-0	J Duggan	94	16-1
30	0	LUCKY RECORD (H Pickering) J Leigh 5-11-0	P Blackburn	82	20-1
38		PEGGY'S PROBLEM (D Stephens) D Winde 5-11-0	A Carroll	—	16-1
40	03	RICH NICKEL (R Grimes) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0	D Browne	89	12-1
42		SHREWD INVESTOR (Mrs R Sangster) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0	S Smith Eccles	—	8-1
43	00	SMITH'S LAD (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	G Bradley	—	9-2
49	2	MODEL LADY (Niland & Treacy Const Co Ltd) O O'Neill 5-10-9	S J O'Neill	91	6-1
51	0P	ROSIE OH (P Venner) G Blum 6-10-9	J Barlow	—	33-1
53	00-P0	WEDDING SONG (D Smith) C Tinkler 5-10-9	J Suthern	—	33-1

FORM *SICILIAN PASSAGE is a consistent sort and (11-2) came late and fast to beat Spanish Reel (11-13)* 2¾l at Wolverhampton (2m, good), earlier (10-11) beat Unihoc (10-12) ¾l at Stratford with BUCK AND DOE RUN (10-12) 13½l further back in 4th (2m, £893, good, Oct 18, 14 ran). CONDICOTE BOY (10-11) 13L 4th to Colonial Charm (10-) at Towcester and is on the upgrade (2m, £825, soft, Dec 22, 17 ran). DIACONUS is also improving and (11-0) was a creditable 5l 2nd to highly regarded Rapier Thrust (11-10) at Market Rasen with LUCKY RECORD (11-0) 23¾l further back in 6th (2m, £1109, soft, Jan 7, 11 ran). HARLEY STREET MAN, well below best last time, previously (10-12) 5l 2nd to Wild Flyer (10-12) at Ludlow. RICH NICKEL (10-12) a one paced 15l 3rd. (2m 5f, £1008, good, Nov 26, 18 ran). KYLEMAKILL never got in a blow when (11-0) 7th to City Entertainer (11-8) at Newbury, but that was a very hot contest and he can figure more prominently here (3m, £4002, good to soft, Jan 3, 20 ran).
Selection: DIACONUS

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
F Winter	12	36	33.3
Mrs J Pitman	18	70	25.7
J Edwards	6	25	24.0
Mrs M Rimell	6	26	23.1
N Henderson	10	45	22.2
J Webber	9	56	16.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Smith Eccles	10	55	18.2
B de Haan	6	35	17.1
S Morshead	7	50	14.0
P Scudamore	11	90	12.2

Only qualifiers

Bankers Benefit eyes Irish National

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

At Fairyhouse yesterday, the first running of the Dawn Run *Novice Chase resulted in* a Fowler family triumph as Bankers Benefit, owned and bred by Brigadier Fowler and trained *and ridden by his son John*, got the better of the late challenging Fearless Leader to score by one and a half lengths.

As a change from the normal routine, John Fowler was able to say afterwards that Bankers Benefit is not entered in any race at Cheltenham. So far, he has proved himself a splendid moneyspinner, winning nine races over hurdles before being put to steeplechasing. He will return to Fairyhouse on Easter Monday for the £IR100,000 Jameson Irish Grand National.

It was a most taking performance on the part of the runner-up who had only run four times previously in his career, twice on the Flat and twice over *hurdles. He was going best of all* at the finish and his young trainer Enda Bolger is keenly looking forward to Cheltenham where Fearless Leader could well start a warm favourite in the four-mile National Hunt Chase.

This contest was won last year by Omerta but he never looked like getting in to a real challenging position over the two and a quarter miles of the Tom Dreaper Handicap Chase, won by Eddie Wee.

The winner, trained in the north of Ireland by Willie Rock, was the second leg of stable and a family double. In the previous event, Eddie Wee's full sister Helynsar had squeezed home in a spectacular finish by a head from the dead-heaters, Clusheen and Almushmmir. Willie Rock is contemplating sending *Helynsar over to Newbury for* the Tote Gold Trophy Hurdle on Saturday week but he added the proviso "she needs soft *ground*".

Midsummer Gamble jumped competently to win his first hurdle race but Dermot Weld *will not make up his mind about* Cheltenham until after the six-year-old has run against better class competition in the Kenny O'Reilly Hurdle at Leopardstown on Saturday week.

Last Of The Brownies did not seem to have a lot in hand in winning the Impudent Barney Handicap Chase but he is probably better suited by lighter weights and Michael Morris has *him* aimed for the Kim Muir Memorial Chase at Cheltenham.

Fairyhouse results

Going: good to yielding

1.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, **CEOLBRIDGE BABY** (M Fitzsimmons, 10-1); 2, *Another Piano* (B Sheridan, 12-1); 3, *Delgany Prince* (H O'Connor, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Atomic Lady, 5 Good Old Charlie, 6 Another Bolus, 10 Solar Time (4th), 12 *Wild Addition*, *Trumpeldor*, 20 Prince Klenk, Woodview Gold, Gilt Future, Bending Flame, Shabra Boy, 25 Last Buck, Brandy Run, How Are You, Realt Na Mara, Tachyline, Miss Allright. 20 ran. NR: Lochda. 1½l, 5l. J A O'Brien. Tote: £6.80; £2.70, £16.20, £3.10. CSF: £134.00.

2.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1, **MIDSUMMER GAMBLE** (A Powell, 4-6 fav); 2, Five Lamps (A Mullins, 4-1); 3, Bold Lament (K F O'Brien, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Donegal Star, Big Bob, Refute (4th), 20-1 Carnstown Owen, Rocky All, Penny King, Miss Olwen, Riverstick, 33 Balleen River, Final Thatching, Leaside Man, Lets Promise, The Rascal, Brave Charity, Galloping Gold VI, Shabra Star, Vintage Velvet. 20 ran. 1½l, 3l. D K Weld. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £1.30, £2.20. CSF: £6.22.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, **LASTOFTHEBROWNIES** (N Madden, 11-8 fav); 2, *Captain Batnas* (F Berry, 7-1); 3, *Le Twerp* (P Gill, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Khalegs Gift (4th), 12 Baker Man, Old Society, 14 Mountrath, 20 Dawn Even, Amber Wind, Allenrod, Jack Spraggon, Moyola River. 12 ran. NR: Papapatch. 2½l, 2l. M F Morris. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £2.30, £1.90. CSF: £11.82. Tricast: £27.54.

3.0 (2m 6f ch) 1, **BANKERS BENEFIT** (J Shortt, 4-1); 2, *Fearless Leader* (T Carmody, 12-1); 3, *Regular Time* (M Flynn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Brittany Boy (4th), 6 Sub-editor, 13-2 Shaldma, 16 General Joy, Hillsbrook, 20 Royal Record, 33 Arctic Gossip, Leamlara Lad. 11 ran. 1½l, 1½l. J R H Fowler. Tote: £5.60; £1.90, £4.00, £3.20. CSF: £49.74.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, **HELYNSAR** (F Berry, 9-2); 2, *Almushmmir* (C O'Dwyer, 12-1); 2, *Clusheen* (P Kavanagh, 20-1) DEAD HEATED. ALSO RAN: 3 fav Candu Su, 5 King Niall, 11-2 Island Bridge, 10 Four Trix (4th), Lough Derg, Reflex Action, 14 The Musical Priest, 16 Anaglogs Pet, 20-1 Sharp Jewel. 12 ran. hd, dd-ht. W Rock. Tote: £8.90; £2.20, Clusheen £8.30, Almushmmir £4.50. CSF: Helynsar & Clusheen £42.92, Helynsar & Almushmmir £26.72. Tricast: Helynsar, Clusheen & Almushmmir £472.87, Helynsar, *Almushmmir & Clusheen* £459.49.

4.0 (2m 2f ch) 1, **EDDIE WEE** (A Powell, 8-1); 2, Sarl's Daughter (J Ryan, 14-1); 3, Gav's Delight (M Flynn, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Omerta (4th), 8 The Bar Rule, Brian's Buck, 33 Sicilian Answer, Thomond Pride, Mr Barnum. 9 ran. 2l, 2½l. W Rock. Tote: £14.60; £2.70, £1.80, £1.80. CSF: £97.08. Tricast: £231.05.

4.30 (2m flat) 1, **YOU'RE IN CHARGE** (J Queally, 7-2 fav); 2, Live Aid (S Hennessy, 5-1); 3, Hawthorn Hill (T M Walsh, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Wallychops, 7 Shalom Joy, Dumbiggan, Musical Paddy, 12 Mid-Day Run VI, 14 Camelliolia, Part Of The Show, 20 Judy Go Easy, Rince, Silken Toffee, 33 Winnies Glory, Black Jewel, Jenny's Prince, Gora Gold (4th), Big Sally, Glenair Lady, Goldvine, Kantex Lady. 21 ran. NR: Miss Angie VI, Bright Note. 2l, nk. M Morris. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £1.70, £3.60. CSF: £25.07.

Jackpot £296.28

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YACHTING: STARS AND STRIPES PULLS AWAY FROM KOOKABURRA TO WIN FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE TIME

Conner within a race of winning back the America's Cup

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

Dennis Conner moved to within a race of nailing down the lid on the America's Cup yesterday by taking a third race in a row in this one-sided final against Kookaburra III, beating the Australian defender by 1min 46sec — the largest margin to date.

Racing in 12-18 knot winds, just the conditions the Australians had prayed for, the Stars and Stripes crew broke into the lead half-way up the first beat, then moved ahead remorselessly, gaining distance on all but two of the seven legs.

Adding to their troubles, Iain Murray and his Australian crew were faced with a bomb scare aboard their boat, but sportingly continued, despite assurances from the Royal Perth YC committee that they would scratch the event if they decided to abandon ship. The threat, which later proved to be a hoax, was phoned to police in Sydney and the Kookaburra support crew were told of it mid-way through the race.

The syndicate's head, Kevin Parry, was informed immediatly but left the decision to Murray, and the Kookaburra support boat rushed alongside to warn him.

Talking through the incident later, Murray said "First we checked our option list and our immediate response was 'Well, maybe this is our one chance to find out what life's all about after 12-metre racing.'

Beginning in a 14-knot southwesterly sea breaze, Kookaburra, with Peter Gilmour again at the wheel, was master of the start, latching on to Stars and Stripes tail with six minutes to the gun and studiously protected the favoured committee boat end of the line.

Two minutes later when the two boats tacked towards each other, it became apparent that the Australians held the upper hand, despite having the bowman, Don McCracken, up the mast in an effort to rectify a broken mainsail luff zipper.

For five minutes Conner was happy to pace his rival as both sailed out towards the left hand layline before finally squeezing up and forcing Kookaburra to tack away.

The Australians came back 20 seconds later, but instead of making a safe tack to leeward, Conner chose to duck under Kookaburra's stern, giving away half a boat-length in an effort to break out towards the favoured right-hand side of the course. Murray attempted to tack on top but his boat was not yet up to speed, and the lag in acceleration allowed Stars and Stripes to get her nose ahead and force Kookaburra away.

"That was the turning point in the race," Tom Whidden, the American tactician, said later. It was Peter Isler (navigator aboard Stars and Stripes) who called for us to duck under. We were running out of runway on starboard tack, and as long as we got our bows in front, we could squeeze them out on the long port tack towards the buoy."

The manoeuvre worked exactly to plan. Murray was soon forced to tack away to avoid the upwash from Stars and Stripes sails, and while a 10-degree windshift forced the American's to pinch up hard on the final tack to the mark, Kookaburra never came back into contention.

At the top mark, the difference was 15 seconds, but that grew to 57 by the time spinnakers were being doused for the second beat. Conner by now was firmly in control, pulling out a further 24sec advantage on the second windward leg, before increasing the margin to 1min 31sec on the following spinnaker reach as winds increased to 18 knots.

Kookaburra clawed back two seconds after the gybe mark but lost another 20 on the third beat before regaining eight more on the final run. It was all small beer though, and as Australian spectators within the supporting fleet left the rails to draw solace at the bars, Conner moved on to register his third straight win in this best of seven series.

Later a disconsolate Kevin Parry summed up the American performance: "They've got their act together just perfectly at the perfect moment. It's hurting us. We've got that much more to learn in the next few years," he said.

Last night Conner called for a lay-day to day, saying that he was expecting more wind on Wednesday, but cynics here have suggested that it's to give Fremantle's tee-shirt shops a last chance to sell their wares before the Cup is taken away from them on Wednesday.

No. 1 and one to go: Conner hails his third victory

World body gives the go-ahead for limited advertising

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

Blanket approval will be given by the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) to all applications by organizing authorities for limited advertising on yachts competing in IOR classes. This was announced yesterday by the ORC, the world governing body for offshore racing.

Limited advertising, within the bounds of the rules, will allow sponsors' names to be displayed, within a certain size, once on the stern and on each side of the yacht as well as on crew clothing. The ORC has also stipulated that no selective restrictions shall be placed on advertising, provided that it remains within the bounds of 'public policy' or 'good taste'.

One of these 'selective' restrictions has already slipped through the net. Because of an agreement with the Royal Ocean Yachting Club (RORC), signed before the rules were relaxed, Champagne Mumm, who sponsor the Admiral's Cup races, are to be allowed to maintain this year's ban on yachts advertising rival brands. But the rules will clearly have to change in the future.

Requests for advertising that go beyond these limits, such as advertising on sales, require separate application to the Internationa Yacht Racing Union (IYRU), with support from the ORC. To date there has been only one application, namely by the RORC, who sought authority for every Admiral's Cup yacht to fly a Champagne Mumm pennant of 18 inches by 12 inches on their backstay.

This request apparently went too far for the ORC, who felt that competitors should not be forced to carry advertising for a product of which they might disapprove, and they supported the request providing that flying the pennant was not mandatory. While few skippers in this ultra-competitive event will disapprove of the product, few will volunteer for any extra wind resistance in the form of a pennant, however small it is.

Lone voyager in trouble

Harry Mitchell, Britain's lone yachtsman competing in the BOC single-handed Round the World race, was hopeful yesterday of refloating his 41ft yacht, Double Cross, after running aground near the village of Fortrose close to the tip of New Zealand's South Island on Saturday (Barry Pickthall writes).

Mitchell, aged 61, from Portsmouth, one of 17 competitors still competing in this 27,000-mile race, anchored off Fortrose on Friday evening to wait for daylight before putting into the town of Bluff to repair his self-steering gear. Later that night the anchor of the boat — formerly the Admiral's Cup racer, Yeoman XX — dragged and was driven up on a gravel beach by the strong southeasterly winds.

Efforts to tow the boat off with a fishing boat failed and local farmers intend to use digging machinery on the next low tide to make a trench to float the yacht out on.

Two weeks after leaving Sydney, the half-way stage, on the 8,300-mile journey around Cape Horn to Rio de Janeiro, the Frenchman Philippe Jeantot, who held a two-day lead in the overall standings at Sydney, passed compatriots Jean-Yves Terlain and Titouan Lamazou over the weekend and had a 78-mile lead yesterday.

Sailing further south than the rest of the fleet, Jeantot was down as far a 61 degrees south yesterday in the midst of thick fog and icebergs but maintaining an average of 200 miles a day.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Change of format to inspire the fans

By Keith Macklin

A feast will be in store for rugby supporters at Old Trafford football ground on May 17, when the first premiership final double-header takes place.

The games, to determine the winners of the Stones Bitter first and second division titles, will be held there, with the second division final kicking off at 1pm, and the league championship starting two hours later.

Commenting on the decisions both to hold a double-final, and to return to the ground, David Wigham, the chairman of the Rugby League, said: "Old Trafford proved to be a record-breaking and top-class venue when it staged the first international against the Australians, with a crowd of more than 50,000 in pouring rain.

"The new-style premiership double-header will involve four clubs whose identity will only be known a week in advance, and the choice of Old Trafford guarantees a neutral venue, whichever teams qualify."

Officials from the Rugby League are hoping the venue will lead to a new crowd record for a premiership final. The record is 29,448, set at the 1981 Humberside derby between Hull and Hull KR, at Headingley.

● The first poll of leading professional players in Britain has established that the majority dislike the way they are presented on television. The monthly magazine *Open Rugby*, claimed that 96 per cent of their sample of players from all 16 first division clubs felt they did not get the respect they deserved, and all disapproved of the BBC's television coverage.

Alex Murphy, the St Helens' coach, was the boss players dislike most, polling 40 per cent, and Wigan's Ellery Hanley was ranked the top league player.

● The Rugby League's plan to hold the second round draw of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup on BBC Television's Breakfast Time programme this morning has been postponed.

FOOTBALL

Maradona makes reply to Lineker

(Agencies) — Gary Lineker's three goals against **Real Madrid** on Saturday were followed 18 hours later by two for Diego Maradona as **Barcelona** heroes past and present continued to battle for the title of 'best forward in the world' over the weekend.

The tussle between the Englishman and the Argentine began in Mexico last year as Argentina beat England 2-1 in a World Cup quarter-final tie on their way to winning the title. Lineker's goal in that game, his sixth, ensured he took the title as top goalscorer of the competition — Maradona's performance guaranteed his place among football's immortals.

Maradona took his goal tally for the season in the Italian League to eight with a penalty in the thirtieth minute and a curling shot 11 minutes later as he helped his club **Napoli**, the league leaders, to a 3-0 victory away to **Udinese**. He left the pitch four minutes from time after slightly injuring his left ankle, which has been giving him a problem for the past month. Another problem is that he is to be suspended for this Sunday's match against Avellino for remarks made about the referee in Napoli's first defeat of the season against Fiorentina last month.

Napoli are still three points clear of their closest challengers **Inter Milan**, but the Nerazzurri kept up the pressure with a 1-0 win at **Brescia**, with another Argentine, Daniel Passarella, hitting the winner. But last season's champions **Juventus**, dropped another precious point, this time away to **Avellino** in a 1-1 draw.

AC Milan picked up two important points in the difficult 1-0 home win over **Verona**, Pietro Paulo Virdis hitting the winner, his eighth of the season, in the seventieth minute. The match was marred by violence in the San Siro stadium and police had to baton-charge fighting supporters to restore order.

Police were also called in to quell fighting in Rome's Olympic Stadium after **AS Roma** had turned a 2-1 half-time deficit into a 4-2 victory over **Atalanta**.

Behind Real Madrid and Barcelona, the Spanish League leaders, the city's other side, **Espanol**, whose challenge has faltered in recent weeks, crashed to a 1-0 defeat away to bottom-of-the-table **Osasuna Pamplona**. Osasuna won by a single goal, scored by the much-travelled Republic of Ireland international, Michael Robinson, recently signed from Queen's Park Rangers. However, his day was marred when he was sent off for fighting with Espanol defender Gallard, who also got his marching orders.

Another goalscorer, Fernando Gomes, helped Porto to a 3-0 win over **Rio Ave** which kept them in second place two points behind the leaders **Benfica**, who won 2-0 away to second-from-bottom Farense.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Velez Sarsfield 3, Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Platense 0, Boca Juniors 2, Racing Club 3 Deportivo Italiano 0, Talleres 3 Racing Cordoba 1 Rosario Central 3 Estudiantes de La Plata 2, Gimnasia y Esgrima 2 Newell's Old Boys 2, Argentinos Juniors 0 Instituto de Cordoba 4 Union 0 Independiente 0, Temperley 2, River Plate 4 San Lorenzo de Almagro 0, Deportivo Espanol 0 **Leading positions:** equal 1 Independiente and Newell's Old Boys played 25 33pts, 3, San Lorenzo de Almagro 26 32.

BELGIAN: Berchem 0 Ghent 2 Standard Liege 1, Racing Jet 1, Lokeren 1, Mechelen 1; Beerschot 0 Waregem 0; Club Bruges 1 Antwerp 1; Molenbeek 1, Cercle Bruges 0 Kortrijk 1 Anderlecht 1, Seraing 0 Beveren 1 **Leading positions:** 1, Anderlecht, played 18 30pts, 2, Club Bruges 18, 27, 3, Mechelen, 18, 27

GREEK: Apollon 1, Olympiakos 3; Doxa 1, PAOK Salonika 2; OFI Iraklion 3 Diagoras 0, Aris Salonika 1, Panathinaikos 0, Iraklis 0 Veria 1 Ethnikos 0, Larissa 0 AEK Athens 1, Panionios 1; Ioannina 1, Kalamata 0. **Leading positions:** 1, Olympiakos, played 16, 27pts, 2, PAOK, 16 23, 3 OFI 16, 20

ITALIAN: Avellino 1, Juventus 1 Brescia 0 Inter Milan 1; Empoli 1, Ascoli 0; AC Milan 1 Verona 0; AS Roma 4, Atalanta 2, Sampdoria 3 Fiorentina 1, Torino 1, Como 0 Udinese 0, Napoli 3. **Leading positions:** Napoli, played 17, 26pts, 2, Inter Milan, 17, 24, 3, Juventus 17, 22

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: FAI Cup, fourth round: Sligo Rovers 4, Crofton Celtic 2; Galway United 1, Fanad United 1, Home Farm 1 Tramore Athletic 1; EMFA 0, Bray Wanderers 0, Finn Harps 1, Waterford United 6 Monaghan United 1 Rockmount United 3 UCD 1, Athlone Town 3, Newcastlewest 0, Limerick City 4, Swilly Rovers 1 Colepark United 0; Dundalk 2, Drogheda United 0, Shelbourne 2, Derry City 2 St Patrick's Athletic 3, Railway Union 0 Mervue 1 Longford Town 0. Postponed: Cork City v Cobh Ramblers

PORTUGUESE: Farense 0, Benfica 2, FC Porto 3 Rio Ave 0; Varzim 0, Chaves 0, Belenenses 5 Portimonense 0; Braga 2, Salgueiros 1, Boavista 1, Elvas 0; Sporting Lisbon 1 Academica 1 **Leading positions:** 1, Benfica, played 19, 32pts; 2 Porto 19 30 3 Vitoria Guimaraes, 19, 30.

SPANISH: Barcelona 3, Real Madrid 2; Osasuna Pamplona 1, Español 0; Real Sociedad 1, Real Murcia 1; Real Zaragoza 1 Sporting Gijon 1, Cadiz 2, Sevilla 0; Atletico Madrid 1 Sabadell 1; Mallorca 1, Athletic Bilbao 1 Real Betis 3, Las Palmas 1, Santander 0 Valladolid 0 **Leading positions:** 1, Barcelona, played 25, 38pts; 2 Real Madrid, 25 35; 3, Español, 25, 31

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday February 7 unless stated

LITTLEWOODS CUP SEMI-FINAL

Not on coupons: Arsenal v West Ham or Tottenham

FIRST DIVISION

X Aston Villa v QPR
X Charlton v Man U
X Chelsea v Sheffield W
X Leicester v Wimbledon
2 Newcastle v Luton

Not on coupons: Everton v Coventry, Manchester City v Tottenham (provisional), Southampton v Norwich, Watford v Nottingham Forest, West Ham v Oxford U (provisional)

SECOND DIVISION

X Barnsley v Millwall
X Bradford v Grimsby
1 Brighton v Sunderland
1 Derby v Birmingham
1 Huddersfield v WBA
2 Hull v Oldham
1 Ipswich v Portsmouth
X Reading v Plymouth
1 Sheffield U v Leeds
2 Stoke v C Palace

Not on coupons: Blackburn v Shrewsbury

THIRD DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Swindon
X Bolton v Fulham
1 Brentford v Carlisle
1 Bristol C v Doncaster
2 Chester v Bournemth
1 Mansfield v Bury
1 Middlesbro v Bristol R
2 Newport v Darlington
1 Notts Co v Port Vale
1 Rotherham v Chesterfld
X Walsall v Wigan
1 York v Gillingham

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Exeter v Crewe
1 Hereford v Southend
1 Lincoln v Cardiff
1 Peterboro v Wrexham
X Rochdale v Orient
1 Scunthorpe v Aldershot
X Wolves v Stockport

Not on coupons: Halifax v Preston, Hartlepool v Colchester (Friday), Swansea v Burnley (Friday), Torquay v Cambridge, Tranmere v Northampton (Friday)

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Bognor v Barking
1 Bromley v Worthing
X Hayes v B Stortford
1 St Albans v Wokingham
1 Slough v Hendon
1 Windsor v Dulwich

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Motherwell
1 Celtic v St Mirren
2 Clydebank v Dundee
1 Dundee U v Falkirk
X Hamilton v Hibernian
X Hearts v Rangers

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Dumbarton v East Fife
1 Dunfermline v Airdrie
2 Forfar v Morton
1 Kilmarnock v Clyde
1 Montrose v Qn of Sth
1 Partick v Brechin

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Ayr v Stirling
1 Berwick v Albion
1 E Stirling v Arbroath
1 Meadowbank v Cowdenbth
1 Queen's Pk v Alloa
1 Raith v Stenhousemuir

Not on coupons: Stranraer v St Johnstone

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Aston Villa, Charlton, Chelsea, Leicester, Barnsley, Bradford, Reading, Bolton, Walsall, Hayes, Hearts, Dumbarton.

BEST DRAWS: Chelsea, Barnsley, Bradford, Bolton, Hearts

AWAYS: Luton, Oldham, Bournemouth, Darlington, Morton

HOMES: Derby, Brentford, Bristol City, Mansfield, Middlesbrough, Notts County, Bromley, Aberdeen, Celtic, Dundee United, Kilmarnock, Raith

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Mansfield, Middlesbrough, Aberdeen, Celtic, Dundee United. **Aways:** Luton, Crystal Palace, Darlington. **Draws:** Chelsea, Barnsley, Bradford

CRICKET: ENGLAND'S ASHES HANGOVER THE RESULT OF MISJUDGING HOW TO PACE THE TOUR'S LAST LAP

Lack of practice not so perfect

From John Woodcock, Devonport, Tasmania

It will be sudden death for England and the West Indies when they meet in the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup here today. If England lose, their tour is at an end although West Indies could still, in theory, qualify for the final in spite of defeat. They would need to beat Australia in Sydney on Friday, and to score at seven runs an over, but there is no realistic chance of that.

By a long way, today's match is the most important game to have been played in Devonport, the third of Tasmania's four 'cities', and the only one of them on the north coast. The ground, within 100 yards of a pebbled beach, is clean and green and open. Known as one of Australia's best pitches, it will need to have dried out since yesterday morning to have a lot of pace in it today.

The plans England made for themselves yesterday were symptomatic of their recent form. Rather than crossing from Melbourne on the direct flight at 8.40 a.m. — as they had been booked to do — they flew to Launceston at midday and drove the 60 miles from there.

As they have for a long time now, they did without any serious practice. They have had only one of these since Christmas, and that was arranged in Perth, so that they could get the feel of the lights there.

Yesterday, half a dozen of them turned up soon after five o'clock: Whitaker — who was expected to play in place of Lamb — Foster, French, Edmonds, Richards and poor Slack. I say poor Slack because a net is the only place where he can get a bat these days and, while having one yesterday, he fainted and had to be taken to hospital, where, happily, he was later said to be in good form and well on the way to recovery.

The West Indians were altogether more businesslike. Having flown from Melbourne on Sunday, which England could not have done, they were on the ground here and being put through their paces by 11 o'clock. Even Holding — carried off the Melbourne ground on a stretcher last Friday afternoon — was gently jogging, though there was no likelihood of his playing today.

England's policy of breaking away from the normal practice routine of a touring side once they had finished the Test series has misfired — much as it did when they arrived in Australia from India for a similar sort of competition as this Benson and Hedges Cup two years ago and at once went 'walkabout'. Then, as now, the more tired they have said they are, the more tired they have felt, and the less professional they have become.

It is surprising that such a confirmed disciplinarian as Mickey Stewart, the assistant manager, should have seemed not to sense the dangers of unwinding. I know they have had an awful lot of travelling to do in the last month, but there has been plenty of time to keep up to the mark.

It is perfectly likely that one cause of the outbreak of hamstring strains and throwing pains, with which the team are now beset, is their relaxed attitude to preparation — not so much their resting on their laurels with the Ashes won as misjudging how best to pace the last lap.

No one ever put more thought than Stewart into deciding what he believes to be best for the cause. When the team flew from Perth to Sydney on January 8, for the start of the fifth Test match there on January 10, he spent much of the four hours of the flight wondering whether or not to call a full practice for January 9. He opted not to, making this the first England side, I imagine, to be given a pink ticket on the eve of a Test match.

It had been a hard week in Perth for the leading players — subjected as they were to the peculiar pressures of one-day cricket — and no one knew that better than Stewart. But it was hard, even then, to believe that the selective practice that they had — as distinct from a collective practice — made the best sense.

That said, Stewart has done very well and England won the Ashes, which was their first priority, and they could still win today. Called upon on Sunday — somewhat unexpectedly — French showed excellent form behind the stumps and, in the last two matches, in Dilley's absence, Foster has let no one down.

Whitaker, if called up in place of Lamb today (the latter is one of the hamstring sufferers), certainly deserves to do well. With French, Foster and Slack, he has passed a lot of his spare time on match days, which must have seemed interminable, in the practice area.

England's youth aim at recovery

From a Special Correspondent
Colombo

England Young Cricketers, led by Michael Atherton, are not likely to let a defeat in the one-day international by Sri Lanka Young Cricketers affect their performance in the first of three, four-day youth international matches starting here today.

England lost Sunday's one-day match by two wickets after seeming, at one time, to be in a winning position with Sri Lanka struggling at 99 for eight. But Tim Lamb, the England manager, said: "Winning a 'Test' is what matters most and my team are determined to put their record right in the 'Test' series."

The England players held a voluntary practice at one of Sri Lanka's oldest schools, Royal College, yesterday. Most of them were jaded after Sunday's exertions and only those who felt like having a net were present.

Two of the leading players are carrying injuries, despite being named in the squad of 13 for today's game. The in-form batsman, Trevor Ward, has a muscle problem in his arm and the fast bowler, Alistair Fraser, had cramp in a leg. However, both are expected to be fit when the final selection is made.

The Colombo Cricket Club pitch usually assists the fast bowlers and England have included their complement of four: Fraser, Martin Bicknell, Simon Brown and Lloyd Tennant.

Sri Lanka, led by Denham Madena, a fast bowler, will choose from a squad of 15 players.

ENGLAND YOUNG CRICKETERS (from): M A Atherton (captain), T R Ward, M R Ramprakash, M W Alleyne, N Hussain, M P Speight, C K Smith, A G J Fraser, M P Bicknell, W K Hegg, H R J Trump, L Tennant, S J E Brown

SRI LANKA YOUNG CRICKETERS (from): P R Madena (captain), R N Weerakkody, S Allegan, R Rajapakse, U C Hathurusinghe, V I de Mel, S Ranatunga, C Mendis, R Kaluwitarana, C A Thenuwara, K G Pryantha, S Jayasinghe, D Perera, V S K Waraloda, N Fernando

Umpires: W Wickramasinghe and L Savonmuttu

Wayward genius who has acquired common touch

From Ivo Tennant
Port Elizabeth

Barry Richards's complicated hawk-eyed profile, dominated by a hook nose which tells of the strength of his personality, remains unaltered. Inwardly, though, he has changed since his playing days, particularly his Hampshire days. The self-styled angry young man has reformed.

Once strongly criticized for his mercenary demands in South Africa, Richards has matured into a more relaxed individual whose life revolves around administrative and menial tasks he would not have touched in the past. In his new job as director of Natal cricket he works from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and has been known to water and roll the Kingsmead pitch, which he would have sneered at doing in the past.

Richards was a great batsman, one of the greatest in South Africa's history. He had just started what would undoubtedly have been an outstanding Test career when the sports boycott took effect. He had played just four Tests, against Australia in 1969-70, and was averaging 72. Small wonder he became frustrated, ultimately growing so bored of county cricket that he would block the half-volleys and fend the good balls to the boundary.

"It was levelled at me everywhere I played that I grew bored and, yes, I did. Perhaps I could have shown more enthusiasm. I was thought to be arrogant, which at least worked to my advantage since it put bowlers off. I handled my time with Hampshire very badly, partly because I was not playing Test cricket. Batting in front of three people on a cold day at Derby while lesser cricketers were playing Tests did bore and annoy me," he said.

Richards's career, which lasted from 1964 until 1983, encompassed cricket for Natal, Hampshire, South Australia and club cricket in Perth. He first went to England in 1965 with Mike Procter, also from Natal. They played for Gloucestershire against South Africa that year, a match which was enough to convince that county to sign Procter later.

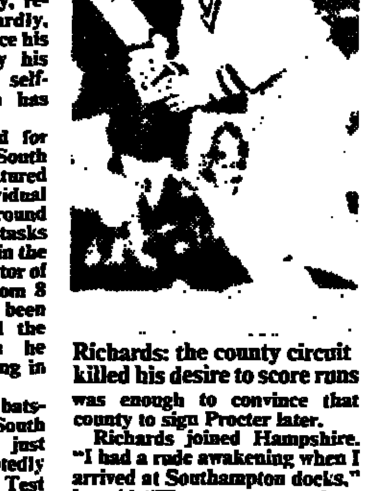
Richards joined Hampshire. "I had a rude awakening when I arrived at Southampton docks," he said. "There was no one there to meet me and I had to take a taxi to the ground. We tend to be spoilt in South Africa and assume that what happens here will occur elsewhere. I was used to driving a sponsored car and having lifts from hotels to grounds.

"Everything I did I had a point to prove. I was one of the first overseas players to go to England; a young man who had not played Test cricket played the same as Hampshire's established players. If I had a bad day I was grumpy and unfriendly. I had an inner drive which I did not turn to my advantage. I could have become more legendary in Hampshire," he said.

Some say that Richards' financially poor background gave him the drive to seek more money. He was the first batsman in South Africa to be sponsored per run and joined World Series Cricket (and was one of the first to wear a helmet). Afterwards he worked in the media and with the TNT freight company in Australia, where the story went round (wrongly) that he was driving lorries. He returned to South Africa to play for two seasons, 1981-82 and 1982-83, against the English Breweries XI, the unofficial West Indians and Sri Lankans.

Since July, Richards has been Natal's director of cricket. "Every player should be compelled to work in an office for six months to see for himself how much work goes on," he said. His duties include running Natal's two teams, coaching and marketing. He plays golf now rather than cricket even though at 41 he would probably still be capable of batting as well as Graeme Pollock.

The key to how good he was, and how weary of batting he became, lies in his response to how he would have played in his fourth Test had he known it was his last. "I would have batted all day. They would never have got me out." As it was, he scored a century.



Richards: the county circuit killed his desire to score runs

Sussex talk to Wells

Sussex are to hold further meetings with Colin Wells in an attempt to stop the highly rated all-rounder, aged 26, from leaving the county. Wells has turned down a contract and written to Sussex asking that other county clubs be allowed to approach him.

Maurice Leadley, the Sussex chairman, said yesterday: "Colin and I had an exchange of views this weekend and will be meeting again. I am very anxious that he stays, but until various matters are put before the cricket committee and then the main committee I cannot say whether we will offer him a new deal."

"He is a vital member of the side and we want him to pledge his future with us, but we are at a disadvantage in not having the financial resources of other counties."

Sussex go into the season with the smallest squad in the country and their prospects will be greatly reduced should Wells leave so soon after the departure of Adrian Jones, who has joined Somerset.

Positive gamble by Pakistan selectors

From Richard Streeton, Madras

The Pakistan selectors, who believe a result is certain to come on a pitch not expected to last, have confirmed that they will include five main bowlers in the first Test match against India here today. "We feel this is the match in which to gamble and try to move ahead in the series straight away," said Haseeb Ahsan, the chairman of their selectors.

Pakistan's front-line batting, therefore, will end with Imran Khan, though Abdul Qadir, the leg spinner who will bat at No. 7 in the order, made one of his rare centuries in a three-day game last week. Imran, however, will have both his left-arm seamers, Wasim Akram and Saleem Jaffer on call, as well as Qadir and the off-spinner, Tauseef Ahmed.

Two late changes have been made among the batsmen. Rizwan-uz-Zaman, who scored 193 against the President's XI last week, will open instead of the experienced Mudassar Nazar; and Salim Malik is preferred to the useful Ejaz Ahmed. Malik has little recent form behind him since he returned to the game after his left forearm was broken against West Indies in October.

India will finalize their team shortly before the toss. Sadanand Viswanath and Gopal Sharma, the reserve wicket-keeper and second off spinner respectively, seem likely to be omitted. Either Raju Kulkarni or Bharat Arun will share the new ball with Kapil Dev.

A further two hours' haggling between team officials took place yesterday before it was agreed that a target of 82 overs should be attempted each five-and-a-half-hour day. An extra 15 minutes will be played if the figure is not reached, before a halt is called.

India always wanted 82 overs, the figure used during the recent visits by Australia and Sri Lanka. Pakistan originally wanted 66 overs, meaning 12 an hour, but were willing to compromise with 77. India, however, remained adamant that the figure should not be lowered. To be frank, with no system of penalty fines applicable however many are bowled, the argument, to a neutral observer, seems academic.

A possible threat to the match from a cyclone now swirling in the Bay of Bengal has largely receded. The storm is moving north, to dispel one anxiety for the Madras authorities. They have had only 18 days to prepare for the game after political riots forced it to be switched from Ahmedabad. Crowds of more than 40,000 are expected each day. A state public holiday has been declared for the Test's third day on Friday, following the rest day on Thursday.

TEAM: Rizwan-uz-Zaman, Shoaib Mohammad, Rameez Raja, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, *Imran Khan, Abdul Qadir, †Salim Yousuf, Tauseef Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Saleem Jaffer. 12th man: Ejaz Ahmed.

Share sales help out Yorkshire

Yorkshire suffered a loss last year but turned this into a small profit by selling some shares. Peter Townend, the club's treasurer, explained: "Our basic losses in 1986 amounted to £36,755 but the club took advantage of the chance to sell shares which have been showing a profit for some time. This sale realized £39,888, leaving a sum of £3,133 to be added to our reserves."

The largest single source of income was again members' subscriptions, which rose from £224,000 to £247,000, but Yorkshire's share-out from the Test and County Cricket Board went down by about £65,000 to just over £228,000 for the year.

In his report, Townend pointed out that the bridging forecast for 1987 was "not encouraging" and made no provision for ground improvements.

The county have decided to make 1987 a benefit year for the entire club with the aim of raising the money needed for their new indoor cricket school next to Headingley. The total cost is £500,000 and although council grants have been received, a substantial sum still needs to be raised. Yorkshire are asking 11,000 members to join in a buy-a-brick scheme at £10 each.

The annual report pays tribute to Geoff Boycott, who was released at the end of last season. It emphasizes his professionalism and dedication to his craft.

This year's annual meeting will take place at Leeds on February 21 and promises to be routine in contrast to recent controversial gatherings. But there is a move to try to limit the maximum period of office for the president to three years which is opposed by Yorkshire's committee.

Rhoades to resign at Lancashire

Cedric Rhoades, the Lancashire chairman, is expected to resign tomorrow after a 19-year reign at Old Trafford, as in-fighting threatens the county club. He said that his resignation was being made in response to personal attacks made from within the club.

Rhoades's decision comes as a reform group was gathering support for a special general meeting when a vote of no confidence would have been proposed against the club committee.

Yesterday Rhoades said: "Since September there's been a continuous, and in some cases, vicious attack made upon me personally, and on the committee as a whole.

"I find the situation quite intolerable and therefore I am placing my resignation in front of the committee on Wednesday, and I trust they will accept it.

"In arriving at this decision, it must be made clear that there has been no pressure of any kind from any direction."

His decision comes at the end of a disastrous spell for Lancashire. Jack Bond, the manager, and Peter Lever, the coach, were dismissed at the end of last season and, in December, Rhoades was accused of misleading members at the annual meeting over the appointment of Clive Lloyd as captain for 1986.

Since then, Lancashire have refused to make a bid for Ian Botham and lost the race to sign Graham Dilley in a bid to strengthen a side which has been struggling in the basement of the county championship for the past 11 seasons.

Dick aims to lessen Becker's burden

Stuttgart

With photographers hiding behind cars and in the hedges to record Boris Becker's first coaching assignment with Frank Dick in Monaco last week, a now habitual hazard for the young Wimbledon champion, he could be forgiven for having a short fuse with the press. Yet he retains a refreshing frankness and humility for someone who has become public property.

"Tennis players in general are not very good athletes," he said at a ceremony here to receive the *European Sports Press Union's* award of 1986, accompanied by Dick and his manager, Ion Tiriac. "Lendl jumped to No. 1 with the *help of his new conditioning* programme. He felt better for it. It is my goal to be No. 1...I needed someone to bring me into better shape. We were searching for the best. If Frank Dick is Daley Thompson's trainer, he must be pretty good."

Dick's recognition by a prominent international ball player is not only a tribute to his personal reputation and the status of British coaching, but is a significant advance by a sport which has previously paid little attention to technical athleticism.

For all his youth, Becker looks drained and tired, as he did during the Young Masters tournament here in December. It was not *surprising he lost to Mecir at* Kooyong. Dick, who is chief coach not only to one of the most successful of national teams – as well as president of the European Athletics Coaching Association – also individually guides the conditioning of Thompson; Kim Hagger, the heptathlete; Jeff Thompson, the world karate champion; Dave Ottley, *the javelin* thrower and half a dozen others. The regeneration of Becker, he says, is an essential aspect of his responsibility.

"We were considering many possibilities" Tiriac says. "I thought about the trainers of Marvin Hagler or Sugar Ray Leonard. It was going to be someone from athletics or boxing. I expect Boris to get worse, working with Frank, before he gets better. He is using muscles he never used before. But eventually the effect will be outstanding. What we wanted was overall fitness but also speed and mobility."

Dick regards Becker's needs as particularly *challenging, and exciting*, because of the extensive spread of competitive commitment – and *commercial engagements* –and the variation of timing and duration of any performance. The principles, he says, are the same, *whether an* athlete is competing half a dozen times a year or 30. "Its a question of interpretation" he says. "under a new set of conditions; but Boris does *not* have to peak 30 times a year".

After only a few days together, they have agreed on what are the priorities of Becker's calendar: the inference is that there will be some reduction in Becker's tournament schedule in the search for quality. Becker confirms this.

"Tennis players tend to play every week, so I'll have to change a little," he admits. "But there's enough room there to work on my physique...I expected it to be hard (with Dick), but after the first morning I thought I'm going to be dying in two or three days time!"

Dick's fitness programmes, by *the day and month, are as* synchronised as the trains running through Clapham Junction's 17 platforms. The respect for him *within* the British Amateur Athletic Board – who have welcomed his diversification – reflects on both his practical theory and his low-key psychological work.

"Maybe more people will now accept that coaches have a worth" he says. "The coach does not take centre stage. Its a matter of management: first directing, *then* demonstrating, then supporting through the bumps and bruises, the delegating to the athlete himself.

"You don't publicise your work with an athlete, selling him to make a name for yourself. There's loyalty. You are constantly moving the athlete away from you, the objective being for him or her to express themselves totally as who they are in their own arena. You can't treat any of them the same, yet there is a sameness about them: there is always this commitment, they are achievement-orientated."

It is utterly wrong, Dick stresses, for the coach always to be at the athlete's shoulder. "You are always gradually stepping back, if you can't leave them alone, they must have an identity crisis." While he himself will work at a better understanding of tennis, he will expect Becker to be tuning himself to the new programme, and sometimes disagreeing. "There are days when Daley comes back at me and says I must have had a hangover when I put I certain programme together."

The coach's essential rule is, he says, to work from strength, to provide the competitor with reassurance. This, more than anything, is what Becker currently requires: having failed, relatively, in the United States and Australian Championships and having parted company with Gunther Bosch, his tennis coach for seven years. The expectation in Germany is that the new tennis coach will be Guillermo Vilas, who has a long association with Tiriac. Dick's task is to make Becker feel secure physically and temperamentally.

"If modifications are needed, you work towards them," he says.

"But you first look at what the athlete is doing right. I have to understand the demands (of tennis) and from my experience estimate what exercises Boris should do and how often, day by day". Dick's mastery lies in what is termed 'periodisation', the phasing of fitness for intermittent peaks. That responsibility will be intriguingly complicated by the inclusion of next year's Olympic Games, in which it is probable that the top professionals will be participating.

"We will be talking as much as training," Dick says. "A performer has to have three qualities: The will to succeed, the belief that he can, and the tenacity to get there. These are as essential as talent. In this young man they are definitely there."

They are not yet into the territory, he says, of compromise. Becker's contribution to the relationship will be in agreeing on a plan to meet his needs, and not changing it under the varying pressures of *tournaments and* commercial engagements. There is a comparison, Dick suggests, between the search for elite fitness and *the aims of the Harvard* School of Business Studies – and he does not mean Mr McCormack!

Coaching, he reflects, has come a long way from the days of Harold Abrahams and Sam Mussabini.

David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

Masterminds: Tiriac (left), Dick and Becker meet in Stuttgart to discuss their plan of action

FOOTBALL

Minnows stay in the swim

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

A protective net was yesterday thrown around the eight minnows still in the FA Cup. Even though the biggest fish were also kept apart in the fifth-round draw, only **Aldershot** and **Barnsley** have been left without a realistic sight of a place in the last eight.

One of them will go to one of *the most inhospitable places in* the country – Highbury – on February 21 and it promises to be their last view of this season's competition. No visitor has won at **Arsenal**, the new favourites, so far this season. Even an away goal there can be considered a triumph.

Though Aldershot and Barnsley can see as much hope of progress as an enfeebled salmon eyeing a raging waterfall, all of the other small fry have been offered at least some chance of survival. **Wigan Athletic**, in particular, are expected to reach the biggest pool in their history.

Ray Mathias, their manager, described their draw at home against either **Swansea City** or **Hull City** as "a dream – we *have never been even to the fifth* round before and, without being disrespectful, we believe that this has opened the way for us to go even further".

Wigan's record supports his optimism. In 33 Cup-ties at Springfield Park over the last 20 years, they have lost only once. *They are also unbeaten there* this season. Yet Swansea and Hull would rather attack those statistics than the defence of a first division club.

Walsall, Wigan's third division colleagues, are sure to benefit financially off the pitch – even if they do not gain *a victory over* **Watford** *on it*. Club officials are to discuss with the local police whether they should – as in the last round – make the tie an all-ticket affair.

Chester have also been given home advantage, though they are unlikely to be able to take advantage of it. They must *triumph at Hillsborough tomorrow* night to earn the right to entertain either **Sheffield United** or, more probably, **West Ham United** on their own ground.

Swindon Town, involved in a similarly-complicated quartet, have the same incentive. If they dismiss **Leeds United** tonight, *they will stay at home*, where they will face the challenge of removing potentially one of the two most awkward teams left in the field of 22.

Luton Town and **Queens Park Rangers**, who are to settle their artificial differences at Loftus Road tomorrow night, are the *only remnants equipped with* wall-to-wall carpets. There would be few complaints if the rest of this season's event unfolded on the traditional surface of natural grass.

Luton, who knocked out Liverpool, the holders, in the third round, have agreed to pay *them compensation for failing* to arrive at Anfield for the first replay. The amount, which was not disclosed, was reached amicably, but Luton must still put their case to the Football Association for not travelling.

Everton, left alone to carry Merseyside's flag, will take part in the showpiece of the weekend. Aiming to reach the final for the fourth successive year, they will go to **Wimbledon** on *the Sunday for a tie that is to be* shown live on television. It may not be a pretty sight.

Stoke City, unbeaten in their *last 14 matches, should attract a* full house for the Midlands derby against **Coventry City**, Manchester United's conquerors.

White Hart Lane will not be empty, either. **Newcastle United**, Chris Waddle's former club, return to the arena where they held **Tottenham Hotspur** in August. Now bottom of the first division, they will do well to repeat the feat.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

TOURCOING, France: Nord-Eclair international cross-country (5.9 mile): 1, M Bishop (GB), 27min 32sec; 2, Dave Clarke (GB), 27:35; 3, P Levisse (Fr), 27:36; 4, P Daenens (Bel), 27:42; 5, K Forster (GB), 27:45; 6, J-L Prianon (Fr), 27:48; 7, C Leventure (Fr), 27:57; 8, B Smith (GB), 28:01.
BILBAO, Spain: 28th international cross-country race of Somotza (5.9 miles): Men: 1, J Regalo (Port), 30min 04sec; 2, F J Alario (Sp), 30:12; A Pinto (Port), 30:13; 4, M Nenon (US), 30:14; 5, V Rodriguez (Sp), 30:17; 6, J Mbai (Ken), 30:33; 7, L Adsuara (Sp), 30:43; 8, A Briston (Eng), 30:50; 9, M Fiz (Sp), 30:53; 10, B Maminsky (Pol), 32:05. Women (2.7 miles): 1, C Burki (Switz), 16:57; 2, A I Alonso (Sp), 17:02; C Valero (Sp), 17:08.
CLUSONE, Italy: European Champions' Cup (cross-country): 1, F Panetta (Pro Patria, It), 31min 04sec; 2, D Castro (SC Braga, Port), 31.33; 3, D Castro (SC Braga), 31.35. British: 9, N Harvey (Clonliffe Dublin, Ire), 32.26; 10, N Tennant (Edinburgh Southern, Scot), 32.28. Women: 1, A Tooby (Cardiff, Wales), 17.57; 2, M Curatolo (Fiat Sud Formia, It), 18.01; 3, A Vialix (Grenoble Universite', Fr), 18.12. Other British: 7, S Crehan (Sale, Eng), 18.31.
SHERBROOKE, Quebec: International indoor grand prix: (US unless stated): Men: 200m: 1, T Jefferson, 21.10sec. 400m: 1, E Forde (Barbados), 46.34. 600m: 1, C Jenkins, 1min 15.80sec. 800m: 1, M Sanders, 1:51.03. 1,000m: 1, R Brown 2:21.55. 1,500m: 1, D Campbell (Can), 3 44.89. High jump: 1, D Lewis, 2.26m. Women: 200m: 1, A Phipps (Can), 23.46. 400m: 1, J Richardson (Can), 53.42. 1,000m: 1, D Richburg, 2min 42.12sec. 800m: 1, D Walton-Floyd, 2:04.83. **ATHENS:** International meeting: High jump: 1, P Sjoeberg (Swe), 2.41m (new indoor world record)

BADMINTON

CRAWLEY: Carlsberg English national championships: Men: Singles: Quarter-finals: S Baddeley (Sussex) bt C Hunt (Lancs), 15-4, 15-2. T Flynn (Worcs) bye; W Smith (Hants) bt M Adams (Yorks), 15-7, 15-6; D Hall (Essex) bt A Nielsen (Surrey), 15-3, 15-6. Doubles: Quarter-finals: D Talor (Middx) and M Tredgett (Gloucs) bt Nielsen and Smith, 15-12, 15-5. A Goode (Herts) and Baddeley bt M Gibbs (Middx) and N Wheatley (Notts), 15-9, 15-5; C Dobson (Worcs) and D Wright (Yorks) bt M Elliott and D Bridge (Surrey), 14-18, 18-16, 15-7; M Brown (Yorks) and R Outterside (Essex) bt D Spurling and S Spurling (Essex), 15-5, 15-2.
Women: Singles: Quarter-finals: S Louis (Devon) bt S Halsall (Lancs), 11-8, 11-1; G Clark (Surrey) bye; G Gowers (Sussex) bt T Allwright (Essex), 11-9, 11-2; F Elliott (Surrey) bt A Fisher (Essex), 11-6, 11-0. Doubles: Quarter-finals: C Clark (Surrey) and Gowers bt L Chapman (Derby) and J Shipman (Essex), 15-2, 15-2; K Chapman (Sussex) and F Gallup (Surrey) w/o Elliott and H Troke (Hants); K Beckman (Surrey) and Halsall bt C Johnson (Essex) and C Palmer (Hants), 15-5, 15-8; C Cooke (Derby) and C Gay (Lancs) bt T Dineen (Essex) and Fisher, 15-8, 10-15, 15-1. Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals: Tredgett and Miss Gowers bt M Parker (Middx) and V Williams (Essex), 15-2, 15-3; Dobson and K Beckman (Surrey) bt Brown and Miss Halsall, 11-15, 15-9, 18-13; Goode and Mrs Elliott bt M Pallant (Sussex) and Miss Chapman, 15-4, 15-11.

KARATE

COATBRIDGE, Lanarkshire: Scotland 8, Norway 7. West of Scotland 9, Bergen 1.

RUGBY UNION

ESSEX CUP: Fourth round: Rochford Hundred 16, Romford and Gidea Park 3.
KENT CUP: Quarter-final: Dartfordians 0, Blackheath 22

REAL TENNIS

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: US professionals singles championship: Semi-finals: C J Ronaldson (Hampton Court) bt B Toates (Newport), 6-3, 6-1, 6-2; L Geucher (Hampton Court) bt J Howell (Bordeaux), 6-1, 6-3, 5-6, 6-3. Final: Ronaldson beat Geucher, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.
HAMPTON COURT: Women's over-40s singles championship: Semi-finals: S Machintosh bt M Pignon, 6-1, 6-2; J Vaughan bt E Woothorpe, 6-1, 6-3. Final: McIntosh bt Vaughan, 6-0, 6-0.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Men: BCP London 95 (Stimpson 34, Roberts 23), Birmingham Heartbeat 91 (Shoulders 30, Hays 24); Homespare Bolton/Bury 72 (Kittles 20, Crosby 18, Jordan 16), Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates 91 (Scantlebury, 31, Rivers 20, Andrews 12). BPCC Rams Derby 95 (Sewell 30, Ellis 24, Coe 18), Alphaprint Hemel/Watford Royals 103 (Knuckles 31, Hale 24, Keenan 17); Team Polycell Kingston 116 (Bontrager, 34, Scott, 21, Davis 20), Sunderland 76ers 98 (Saunders 26, Lynch 23, McCray 20); Draper Tools Solent Stars 89 (Robinson, 27, Marsh 20, Lewis 16), Sharp Manchester United 101 (Phillips 31, Balogun 21, Brown 17), Calderdale Explorers 87 (Blunt 23, Johnson 22), HFS Porstmouth 83 (Cunningham, 18, Moore 14, Irish 12). Second division: IF Group Cleveland 110, Plymouth Raiders 100; Oldham Celtics 142, Ellesmere Port 59; Just Rentals Rhondda 144, Swindon Rakers 86, Tower Hamlets 101, Team Walsall 123. First division: Women: BCP London 115, Hemel/Watford Rebels 66; Chamos Swifts Derby 35, Avon Northampton 86; Typhoo Hatters Sheffield 98, Team Polycell Kingston 65; Stockport Louvolite 83, London YMCA 75; Avon Northampton 63, BCP London 54.
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): (4OT) Golden State Warriors 150, New Jersey Nets 147 (4OT); Houston Rockets 106, Atlanta Hawks 104; San Antonio Spurs 120, Milwaukee Bucks 116; Detroit Pistons 94, Chicago Bulls 92; Portland Trail Blazers 133, Dallas Mavericks 117; Utah Jazz 121, Sacramento Kings 113.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	33	11	.770	–
Philadelphia 76ers	25	19	.578	7½
Washington Bullets	22	21	.512	10½
New York Knicks	13	31	.295	20
New Jersey Jets	11	33	.250	22

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit Pistons	29	15	.659	–
Atlanta Hawks	28	16	.636	½
Milwaukee Bucks	28	20	.583	2
Chicago Bulls	21	22	.488	6½
Indiana Pacers	20	24	.400	10½
Cleveland Cavaliers	19	27	.400	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas Mavericks	28	16	.636	–
Utah Jazz	26	18	.591	2
Houston Rockets	23	21	.523	5
Denver Nuggets	20	25	.444	8½
San Antonio Spurs	16	29	.356	12½
Sacraento Kings	14	30	.318	14

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	34	10	.773	–
Portland Trail Blazers	28	19	.596	7½
Seattle Supersonics	24	20	.545	10
Golden State Warriors	25	22	.532	10½
Phoenix Suns	19	27	.413	16
Los Angeles Clippers	7	37	.159	27

CYCLING

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race: 1, R Hermann (Liech) and J Kristen (WG), 162pts; 2, D Clark (Aus) and T Doyle (Eng), 124. One lap behind: 3, G Frank and H-H Oersted (Den), 280.

CRICKET

FOSTER'S NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Northern zone: Warrington 97, Rochdale 51; Hull 104, Derby 17; Manchester 88, Sheffield 67. Midlands: Peterborough 79, Wellingborough 42; Leicester 4, Walsall 54; Cradley Heath 37, Nottingham 100. Southern: Tooton 29, Fareham 53; Ipswich 87, Hounslow 83.

FENCING

LONDON: De Beaumont international women's foil: Direct elimination contest (GB unless stated): L Thurley bt L Martin, 8-2; F McIntosh bt L Strachan, 8-7; S Wojgechowska bt T Tremblay (Can), 8-5; S Stener (Can) bt J Poirier (Can), 8-1. Semi-final: McIntosh bt Thurley, 8-3; Wojgechowska bt Stener, 8-1. Final: Wojgechowska bt McIntosh, 8-5; Third place: Thurley bt Stener, 8-2.
MONTREAL: World Cup: Epee: Final: W Loyola (Cuba) bt A Schmitt (WG); Third place fight-off: T Gerull (WG) bt R Malmstrom (Swe).

GOLF

BOCA RATON, Florida: Mazda Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 286: K Postlewait (won on first hole of sudden-death play-off), 73, 72, 72, 69; B King, 70, 72, 71, 73. 287: L Peterson, 70, 72, 75, 70, P Bradley, 72, 72, 72, 71; R Jones, 72, 68, 75, 72. 288: A Okamoto (Japan), 74, 70, 75, 69; H Farr, 73, 68, 73, 75. 290: L Garbacz, 72, 76, 72, 70; S Palmer, 73, 71, 75, 71; B Pearson, 68, 72, 77, 73.
SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1,525pts; 2, B Langer (WG), 1,269; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 4, T Nakajima (Japan), 897; 5, R Tway (US), 755; 6, A Bean (US), 710; 7, P Stewart (US), 690; 8, H Sutton (US), 674; 9, C Pavin (US), 655. 10, S Lyle (GB), 647.
US PGA RANKINGS: (US unless noted): 1, C Pavin, $199,040 (about £132,000); 2, B Langer (WG), $132,000; 3, M Calcavecchia, $122,200; 4, J Miller, $114,795; 5, P Azinger, $109,296; 6, H Sutton, $102,200; 7, M O'Grady, $90,000; 8, P Stewart, $85,268; 9, B Tway, $83,792; 10, R Fehr, $71,757. British: 17, S Lyle, $34,120; 37, K Brown, $20,832.
US LPGA TOUR (US unless stated): 1, K Postlewait, $30,000 (about £20,000); 2, B King, $18,500; 3, L Peterson, $10,834; 4, P Bradley, $10,833, R Jones, $10,833; 6, H Farr, $6,450, A Okamoto (Japan), $6,450; 8, L Garbacz, $4,700, S Palmer, $4,700, B Pearson, $4,700.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: First round: South region: East Grinstead 9, South Saxons 1, NatWest Bank 1, Windsor 1 (Windsor won on penalty strokes); Tonbridge Wells 3, Enfield 0; Indian Gymkhana 1, Reading 0; RAOC 0, Old Kingstonians 4; Maidenhead 3, Portsmouth and Southsea 0; Hounslow 7, Trojans 0; Slough 4, Bromley 0; Tulse Hill 5, Petersfield 0; Blackheath 1, Teddington 3; Merton 3, Beckenham 6 (aet: 2-2 after normal time); Old Walcountians 1, Oxford Hawks 2; Old Williamsonians 1, Witney 0; Purley 6, Ashford 1; Richmond 1, Fareham 0; Spencer 2, Guildford 2 (Guildford won on penalty strokes). East: Harleston Magpies 0, West Herts 0 (West Herts won on penalty strokes); Old Loughtonians 3, Bedfordshire Eagles 0; Cambridge City 2, Bedford 1; Bishop's Stortford 3, Bury St Edmunds 1; Felixstowe 1, Ford 3, Long Sutton 0, Westcliff 1; Chelmsford 0, St Albans 2; Broxbourne 4, Norfolk Wanderers 1. North: Preston 0, Prescot 1; Sheffield University 4, Newcastle University 2; St Georges 1, Whitehaven 4; Alderley Edge 6, Vikings 0; Darlington 2, Brooklands 7; Bowdon 1, Doncaster 3. Midlands: West Bridgford 0, Redditch 0 (Redditch won on penalty strokes); Shrewsbury 0, Stone 3; Olton and West Warwicks 4, Sikh Union 0; Edgbaston 1, Northampton Saints 0; Gymlit 1, Barford Tigers 2; Khalsa (Coventry) 2, Harborne 2 (Khalsa won on penalty strokes); Belper 1, Cannock 0. West: West Wiltshire 3, Guernsey 4; Cheltenham 3, Marlborough 0; Truro 1, Westbury Banks 2; Firebrands 6, West Gloucestershire 0; Naval Air Command 1, Jersey 5; Isca 1, Exeter University 0. Second round draw: Aylesbury or Old Midwhitgiftians v Richmond; Teddington v Tulse Hill; Oxford Hawks v BICC or Gore Court; East Grinstead v Southgate or Lewes; Indian Gymkhana v Weybridge Hawks or Havant; Old Kingstonians v Slough; Chichester or Surbiton v Tonbridge Wells; Hounslow v Old Tauntonians; Old Williamsonians v Purley, Windsor v Guildford; Beckenham v Lyons or Marlow; Bishop's Stortford v RAF Support Command or Cambridge Nomads; Ford v Westcliff; Maidenhead v Broxbourne; Pelicans or Ipswich v West Herts; Cambridge City v St Albans; Grimsby or Wisbech v Old Loughtonians; Sheffield University v Prescot; Whitehaven v Farsley or Hightown; Doncaster v Brooklands; Welton or Norton v Southport or Ramghans; Neston or Liverpool Sefton v Alderley Edge; Wakefield v Warrington; Olton and West Warwickshire v Edgbaston; Derby or Leicester Westleigh v Belper; Barford Tigers v Stourport; Pickwick v Khalsa (Coventry); Stone v Redditch; Cheltenham v Westbury Banks; Jersey v Isca; Firebrands v Exeter Crickets or Taunton Vale; Leominster or Bream v Guernsey

SQUASH RACKETS

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: Inter-county championship: First division: Leicestershire 3, Buckinghamshire 2; Leinster 4, Northumbria 1; Northumbria 1, Buckinghamshire 4; Leicestershire 4, Leinster 1; Northumbria 0, Leicestershire 5; Buckinghamshire 5, Leinster 0. Final placings: 1, Leicestershire, 21pts; 2, Buckinghamshire, 17; 3, Leinster, 8; 4, Northumbria, 2.

GOLF

Miller hits the roaring forties club

From John Ballantine
Pebble Beach

Johnny Miller's surprise win *in the AT and T pro-am* tournament, formerly the Bing Crosby, just three months short of his fortieth birthday reminds the eager young lions of golf that age is no barrier to success in big events even though the general trend may be going the other way.

Lee Trevino, aged 44, won the PGA championship in 1984. Jack Nicklaus at 46 won the United States Masters last spring and Ray Floyd at 44 took the US Open title a few weeks later. On Sunday it was the veteran Miller's turn.

The tall Californian, who won *the Open at Birkdale in 1976*, employed his 44-inch-long putter and lots of experience and courage to end a four-year drought. He defeated Payne Stewart, who turned 30 last Friday, with a string of late birdies, including a marvellous 20-footer on the last green. In contrast, Stewart made poor putting attempts at birdie opportunities to win or force a play-off on both the last greens.

Miller achieved his success mainly with a second-half 32 during which he emerged suddenly on the leader board like a genie from a bottle to astonish Stewart, who thought he had shaken off all the pursuing pack of Bernhard Langer, Lenny Wadkins and Fred Couples.

Sandy Lyle's 75 was a fine effort, for his caddie, Dave Musgrove, said on the practice green: "He's far from well". To get home in 37 by just going through the motions, and to finish joint thirteenth and win $12,000, was as much shrewd Scottish husbandry as it was golf.

FINAL TOTALS: (US unless stated): 278: J Miller 72, 72, 68, 66. 279: P Stewart 69, 69, 69, 72. 280: B Langer (WG) 72, 69, 68, 71; L Wadkins 68, 69, 72, 71. 281: F Couples 70, 70, 72, 69. 282: B Tway 72, 71, 72, 67. D Pohl 69, 75, 71, 67. L Mize 71, 71, 71, 69; D Edwards 70, 69, 72, 71. 283: K Brown (GB) 73, 70, 71, 69. M Wiebe 71, 72, 73, 67; R Fehr 71, 74, 73, 65. 284: A Lyle (GB) 68, 71, 70, 75; I Aoki (Japan) 69, 70, 74, 71.

ICE HOCKEY

Bruins find it just too much to bear

By Norman de Mesquita

Played at high speed in a confined space and with a lot of body contact, ice hockey demands a high level of skill and a high degree of self-discipline. Experiencing the sort of week*end in England that* **Streatham Redskins** usually have in Scotland, **Ayr Bruins** were lacking in both departments.

They lost 9-3 to **Nottingham Panthers** and 14-4 to **Whitley Warriors**, but, most important, lost all three imports to penalties. Andre Malo earned a gross misconduct on Saturday and there were match penalties for Wayne Bartley and Carl Devine on Sunday.

Fred Perlini once again led Panthers with three goals and three assists, while it was the Earles who sparked the Warriors to their best performance for some weeks. Jim scored seven goals and three assists, while Tom notched five goals and six assists.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 2, Dundee Rockets 8; Fife Flyers 10, Streatham Redskins 4; Nottingham Panthers 8, Ayr Bruins 3; Solihull Barons 2, Murrayfield Racers 12; Dundee Rockets 4, Streatham Redskins 1; Durham Wasps 18, Solihull Barons 3; Murrayfield Racers 12, Fife Flyers 6; Whitley Warriors 14, Ayr Bruins 4. First division: Blackpool Seagulls 13, Kirkcaldy Kestrels 10; Irvine Wings 7, Richmond Flyers 8; Oxford City Stars 8, Sunderland Chiefs 13; Slough Jets 15, Swindon Wildcats 9; Telford Tigers 17, Bournemouth Stags 3; Glasgow Eagles 8, Richmond Flyers 8; Medway Bears 12, Sunderland Chiefs 7; Peterborough Pirates 19, Bournemouth Stags 6; Southampton Vikings 13, Lee Valley Lions 9.

RUGBY UNION

England build up their hand

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Since England began their preparations for the 1987 international season, back in the summer, *the inaugural world* cup has never been far from their minds: long-term fitness, peaking in May and June, has been the hope so that, in some respects, the Five Nations championship becomes a stepping-stone towards the Australasian end.

Ireland, whom England play at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, give the appearance of a more pragmatic approach: talk *in Dublin* has been concentrated upon the championship, in which Ireland have done so well during the 1980s, and little has been said of events Down Under.

Yet both countries *know that* the two tournaments cannot be divorced: success in the first will breed confidence for the second. If a settled team can be established over the next two months the task of choosing the final world cup squad in April becomes that much easier.

It also becomes harder for those players currently on the outside to make their way back to international status, yet, by the midway stage of the championship, England should have a considerably fuller hand from which to choose. The news from the north-west over the weekend was encouraging where lock forwards are concerned: Dean Richards, the Leicester No. 8, will hope to have recovered full fitness and Huw Davies, *the Wasps full back*, may have been allowed by the weather to make a point or two.

Fylde's match against Morley *last Saturday was particularly* significant for Steve Bainbridge, capped 13 times since 1982 and with the experience of two tours in New Zealand. It was his first match in the club's second row since damaging a hamstring in November and, as such, was an important psychological hurdle.

Bainbridge's partner was Wade Dooley, who has found full fitness a long and weary trail since severely damaging knee ligaments last April. But given better fortune than they have recently enjoyed, both may challenge for an international *place by the* end of this month, and as a ready-made pair since Bainbridge is now playing at the front of the lineout and Dooley in the middle.

Bainbridge, of course, is all too aware that England's selectors will be disinclined to change a winning team but he is the kind of player who should do well in Australian conditions.

Park's midweek cup tie

Rosslyn Park and Leicester, whose John Player Special Cup *third-round tie has yet to be* played, may have to settle for a midweek date (David Hands writes).

***After the fixture was post*poned for a second time last weekend because of the weather it was suggested that the game might be played on February 14, the day of the fourth round, but yesterday the Rugby Football Union pointed out that cup rules oblige clubs to play before the date of the next round.**

The main reason against playing the tie this Saturday is the conflict with the televised *international between* Ireland and England, which would hit the gate and would also deprive Leicester of the services of Rory Underwood, their left wing. Leicester are already without Dean Richards and Barry Evans, who are both injured, and would be loath to lose a third player.

●Graham Dawe, who will win his first England cap on Saturday, is not to make himself available for Cornwall's county championship semi-final against Middlesex on March 14.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	60	130	fair	heavy	fair	fine	-9
Perfect weather for skiing							
FRANCE							
Flaine	1031	203	good	varied	good	fine	-4
Good skiing everywhere							
Les Arcs	75	140	good	varied	fair	fine	1
Good skiing everywhere							
Tignes	140	170	good	heavy	good	fine	-2
Good skiing							
Val Thorens	205	280	good	varied	good	fine	0
Excellent piste skiing							
SWITZERLAND							
Gstaad	60	120	good	varied	good	cloud	0
Icy patches but generally good							
Klosters	80	140	good	varied	good	fine	-8
Good skiing on all slopes							
St Moritz	25	30	fair	crust	fair	fine	-3
Some good skiing on corviglia							
Verbier	50	190	good	heavy	good	fine	-3
Good skiing on piste							
Wengen	70	160	good	varied	good	cloud	0
Great skiing on and off piste							
Zermatt	75	150	good	heavy	fair	sunny	-2
Good piste skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wet snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete *but* narrow, wet snow; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs, 1600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2200ft. Glenshee: upper runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, some runs complete, wet snow with icy patches; lower slopes, some runs complete, wet snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads; clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1000ft. Glencoe (weekends only): upper runs, runs complete but narrow surface icy on a hard base; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, wet snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1200ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2400ft. Lecht: upper runs, some runs complete, wet snow; middle runs, some runs complete, wet snow; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: sunny intervals; scattered light showers; freezing level lowering to 2000ft; winds westerly, moderate or fresh. Outlook for tomorrow: mainly dry: sunny intervals; early frost or fog patches.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

FRANCE

	Depth (cm) Min	Mx
Hte Savoie/Savoie		
Les Arcs	80	190
Chamonix	60	220
La Clusaz	50	170
Flaine	105	205
Les Houches	60	170
Megève	60	130
Les Menuires	65	220
Morzine-Avoriaz	50	100
La Plagne	135	200
Valmorel	100	140
Isère		
Les deux Alpes	80	250
Pyrénées		
Barèges	70	190
Cauterets	140	220
Font Romeu	35	45

● Information supplied by the French Government Tourist Office.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated.

FA CUP
Fourth round
Swansea City v Hull City
Swindon Town v Leeds Utd (7.45)

Fourth round replay
Barnsley v Aldershot

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round
Tranmere v Wigan

First division
Southampton v Coventry City

Third division
Bournemouth v Blackpool
Bury v Darlington
Carlisle Utd v Bolton Wandrs
Gillingham v Rotherham Utd (7.45)
Port Vale v Doncaster Rvrs

Fourth division
Southend Utd v Halifax Town (7.45)

Scottish FA Cup
Third round
Falkirk v Clydebank
Motherwell v Partick Thistle

Scottish second division
Arbroath v Berwick
Cowdenbeath v Snt Johnstne
Stirling Alb v Raith Rovers

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round: Scotland v Wales (at Dundee FC).

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Leeds v Blackburn; Liverpool v Aston Villa; Middlesbrough v Newcastle; Oldham v Sheffield United (7.30); Postponed: Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester City. Second division: Bradford v Preston (7.30).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION (2.0): Brighton v Arsenal; Bristol Rovers v Southampton (7.30); Fulham v West Ham; Millwall v Watford; Portsmouth v Chelsea (7.0); QPR v Reading.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Postponed: Torquay v Exeter City.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: *Postponed: Slough v Yeovil. Third round:* Buxton v Scarborough; Sutton United v Bath.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Telford v Kettering.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Postponed: Goole *v Horwich*.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Second round: Redditch v Bromsgrove. Premier division: Basingstoke v Fareham; Crawley v Witney. Southern division: Ashford v Tonbridge; Dorchester v Andover.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Bognor Regis; Kingstonian v Bishop's Stortford; St Albans v Carshalton. First division: Kingsbury v Leytonstone Ilford; Lewes v Epsom and Ewell. Second division north: Hertford v Wivenhoe; Saffron Walden v Barton. Second division south: Banstead v Camberley; Chertsey v Marlow; Southall v Molesey.
AC DELCO CUP: Fourth round: Basildon v Maidenhead.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Nottingham Forest v Hull (7.0); Mansfield v Grimsby (7.0); Southampton v Coventry.
HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Hitchin v Stevenage.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round replay: Barking v Dulwich Hamlet. Second round: Erith and Belvedere v Boreham Wood.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Hayes v Hounslow; Hendon v Harrow; Wembley v Wealdstone; Enfield v Staines.
ALLDERS SURREY SENIOR CUP: First qualifying round: Woking v Malden Vale.
BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Colchester United v Clacton; Great Yarmouth v Stowmarket; Sudbury v Harwich and Parkeston; Watton v Haverhill.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Weston-super-Mare v Bristol Manor Farm.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Northwood v Hanwell.
NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP: Stotfold v Baldock.
WESSEX LEAGUE: Russell Coates Cup: Bashley v Wellworth.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Thanet v Dover.
HOSPITALS CUP: Cambridge University v Cambridgeshire FA XI (at Cambridge City FC).

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Bath v RAF; Ebbw Vale v Neath.

RUGBY LEAGUE
SILK CUT CUP: First round: Barrow v Batley; Blackpool v Wakefield (at Bloomfield Road, 8.0); Hull KR v Doncaster.

SQUASH RACKETS
AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE (6.30): InterCity Cannons v Halls West Country (12.30); Ardleigh Hall v Home Ales Nottingham; Vasco Monroe v *Arrow Village*; Chapel Allerton v Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill; Central Skol Oadby v Manchester Northern.

OTHER SPORT
BADMINTON: Carlsberg English *national* championships (at Crawley).
BOXING: Livingston, Edinburgh.
TENNIS: LTA Men's indoor satellite circuit (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

IN BRIEF

Growth in golf is revealed

The English Golf Union are gearing themselves for an explosion in the sport following the a 12-month study into the growth of the game in England. The body expect the study to reveal that over a million men play golf, with many more waiting to take up the game.

The union will now form a committee dispensing advice and information on setting up golf courses. It reports that many established clubs have a waiting-list of four years, and that a thousand new courses in England would easily be filled.

Bell's double

Derek Bell, the English driver, won the Daytona 24-hour sports *car endurance race for the* second year in a row. Partnered by Al Unser jnr, and Chip Robinson, both of the United States, the team won in a Porsche 962 GTP – and also broke last year's speed and distance records. Porsches took the top six places.

Pitcher Pont

Ian Pont, the Essex bowler, will travel to the United States on Sunday, hoping to embark on a new career as a baseball pitcher.

Koch retires

Marita Koch, the holder of 16 women's world records over 200 and 400 metres, and the holder of the 1980 Olympic gold medal, announced her retirement from competetive athletics yesterday. The 29-year-old East German, *one of the outstanding track* stars of the decade, has suffered from achilles tendon problems for some time.

Dunhill back

The million-dollar Dunhill Cup golf tournament will continue to be played at the Old Course at St Andrews until 1990, after Alfred Dunhill Ltd, the sponsors, agreed to back the event for another four years *yesterday*.

Princely team

The Prince of Wales will lead a polo team against Peru on July 26 at the Guards Polo Club, Windsor Great Park. In the 17th year of this series of annual internationals, England play North America, and the Prince of Wales' team play Peru.

Family choice

Malcolm and Sarah Cooper, the husband-and-wife team who represented Britain at the 1984 Olympics, are both among a strong British team selected yesterday for the European Airgun Championships in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia from February 27 to March 3.

TEAM: Air rifle: Men: M Cooper, R Smith, M Guille. Women: S Cooper, I Daw, T Lunn. Junior: N Walls. Air pistol: Men: D Attrill, P Leatherdale, G Robinson. Women: C Page, M Thomas, P Thompson. Junior: R Nagel. Running boar: J Maddison.

England coach

The All England Women's *Lacrosse Association* has appointed Mrs Bobbie Trafford as the head coach for the England team through to 1989, when the third World Tournament will be *staged in Australia*.

Mexican bout

David Griffiths, the light-*middleweight from Cardiff*, will box against Ramon Cardinos, of Mexico, at St David's Hall, Cardiff, next Monday. Griffiths, aged 23, is highly regarded, and unbeaten in eight fights.

Walklin waits

Bath, one of the strongest rugby union sides in England, have approached Plymouth Albion for their right wing, Steve Walklin.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear
and Christopher Dalle

Living in fear of the care-takers

Cheryl Campbell in A Sort of innocence (BBC1, 9.30pm)

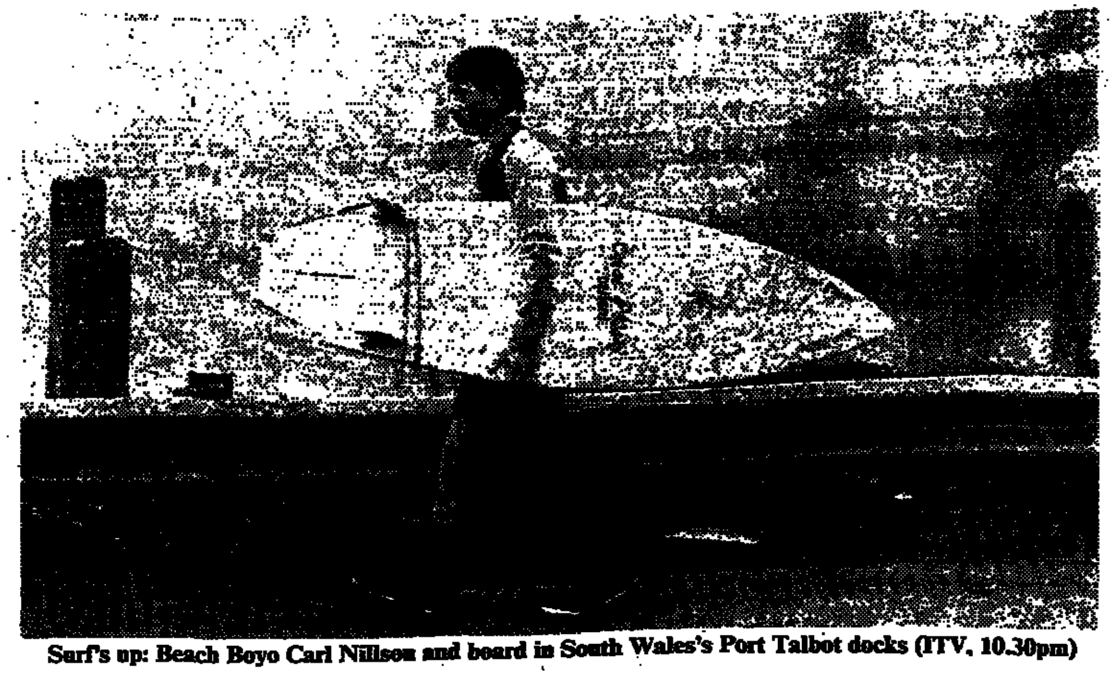
CHOICE

● Despite its unprepossessing title, Yorkshire Television's monthly documentary series, **First Tuesday** (ITV, 10.30pm) often comes up with stirring material. The main report this time is called *Family on the Run* and charts the extraordinary story of Linda and David Arthur. They were the couple accused of baby battering who after a lurid trial three years ago were found not guilty. But, to their dismay, they failed to get their baby daughter back when Cheshire social service instituted wardship proceedings. Linda became pregnant again and fearing that the new baby would also be taken into care, the Arthurs fled abroad. The second baby duly arrived but the family lives a hole-in-corner existence and dares not return to Britain. Though the programme sets out the facts without sensation and does not try to take sides, the impression is of a clear miscarriage of justice, compounded by the fact that Cheshire social services were unable, or unwilling, to put their case. The second report, *Surf's Up at Port Talbot!* is, by contrast, a piece of light relief, telling how a bunch of unemployed lads in South Wales have used their enforced idleness to start, of all things, a surf club.

● Alick Rowe's **A Sort of Innocence** (BBC1, 9.30pm) reaches its fourth instalment with the battle lines well drawn as loutish ex-husband and faltering businessman (played a little too emphatically by Kenneth Cranham) continues to disrupt his ex-wife's second family, with the choirboy son as the hapless pig-in-the-middle. Like many a television serial, I doubt whether this one is worth the length (five hours of screen time is a lot to fill) but, as always, Cheryl Campbell supplies a performance of persuasive intelligence and Neil Jeffrey is excellent as the son.

● The radio highlights are both repeats, but no less worthy for that. **The Theban Plays** get another airing on Radio 3 (7.30pm), with Tim Pigott-Smith (Oedipus) and Sian Phillips (Jocasta) heading a good cast in *Oedipus the King*. **Clara** (Radio 4, 8.30pm) is Jenyth Worsley's drama-doc on Clara Schumann, who managed to combine awesome family responsibilities with a brilliant career as a concert pianist.

Peter Waymark



Surf's up: Beach Boyo Carl Nillson and board in South Wales's Port Talbot docks (ITV, 10.30pm)

BBC1

6.30 Ceefax AM. **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.40 Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton investigate consumer complaints **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy Silk is joined by two convicted burglars who confront a studio audience of victims of burglary to explain why burglars rob people and to give advice on how to make a house thief-proof **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with news of the Mobility Allowance.
10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Phillip Schofield with programme news, and birthday greetings **10.30 Play School.** (r) **10.50 Ivor the Engine.** (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Martin Jarvis with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Bazaar.** Judi Spiers with another selection of money-saving ideas **11.35 Open Air.** Programme makers in Belfast meet their critics. Includes news and weather at 12.00.
12.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety from the Guildhall, Portsmouth. With Debbie Greenwood. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 *Neighbours.*** *Jim tells Helen* why he so dislikes Charlie Slater **1.50 Pigeon Street.** (r)
2.05 Film: Separate Beds (1963) starring James Garner and Lee Remick. Comedy about a Texas oil baron, in New York to raise funds, who becomes involved with a high-flying Wall Street lady financier. Directed by Arthur Hiller.
3.50 Count Me In. Antony Johns hoofs it. (r) **4.10 The Hunter.** (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Su Pollard with the second part of Margaret Mahy's, Raging Robots and Unruly Uncles **4.25 Bananaman** *(r)* **4.30 The Really Wild Show.** Nature series.
4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Grange Hill. Episode nine and Imelda is in hot water. (Ceefax) **5.35 Fax.** More bones of contention are settled.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Holiday 87. Frank Bough, John Carter, and Gillian Reynolds present a Majorca special.
7.30 EastEnders. Den discusses his divorce with Jan. (Ceefax)
8.00 The Variety Club Awards for 1986 introduced by Terry Wogan and Ray Moore from the London Hilton. The 35th Annual Show Business Awards presented by Lord Delfont and Harry Goodman.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 A Sort of Innocence. Part four and Eric Palmer and his son are both faced by mounting problems. (Ceefax)
10.20 Film 87 presented by Russell Harty. The Mosquito Coast and Duet For One are among the films reviewed.
10.50 The 20th Century Remembered. The second of four programmes in which Lord Murray recalls his life and career in trade unionism. With Geoffrey Goodman.
11.20 Save a Life. Emergency first aid series. (Ceefax)
11.30 Questions of Defence. The first of six programmes tracing the history of Nato, introduced by John Barry. (r)
12.00 Weather.

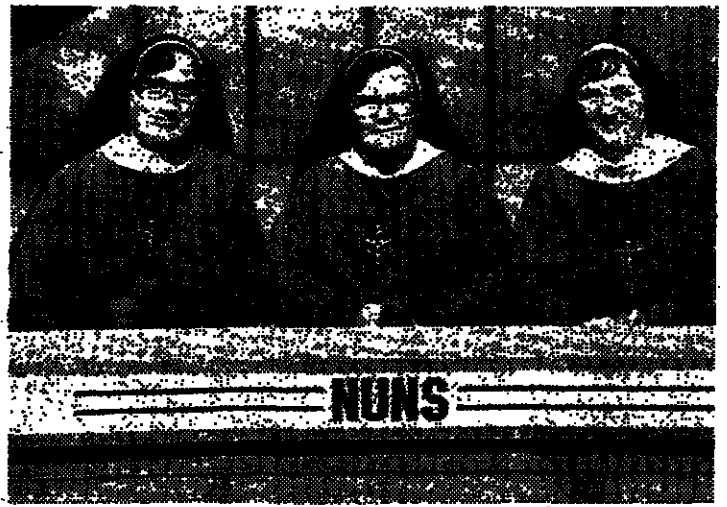
High flyers: Brian Donlevy and Thomas Beck as two crooked aviators in Crack-Up (Channel 4, 2.30pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: technology - facts are not enough. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Gharbar. Magazine programme for Asian women. **9.25 Ceefax.**
9.52 Daytime on Two: the role of the Church in the Middle Ages **10.15** Part three of Fair ground! **10.38** Science: fingerprints; and crystal shapes **11.00** Making things move **11.17** What life was like on a Tudor warship **11.40** Wondermaths.
11.57 The first months of a baby's life **12.18** Life skills **12.40** Healthy eating **1.05** A news broadcast from Austrian television **1.38** Walrus **2.00** News and weather **2.02** For *four- and five-year olds.*
2.15 Cameo. An Arctic summer.
2.25 Songs of Praise from Milton Keynes. (r) (Ceefax).
3.00 News and weather.
3.03 Newsnight Afternoon presented by Nick Clark.
3.50 News, regional news, and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong.
4.35 A Course in Healing. The story of Matthew Manning who was aged 11 when he first had experience of *poltergeist; he also received* strange writing messages; and produced drawings in the manner of masters. His experiences in India led him to become a healer. (first shown on BBC East)
5.05 My Music. A lighthearted musical quiz, presented by Steve Race. With Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden, and Ian Wallace. (r)
5.30 Tomorrow's World. A repeat of Thursday's edition which included an item on computer-controlled diving equipment.
6.00 The Citadel. Episode two of the dramatization of A.J.Cronin's drama set in a Welsh mining village, starring Ben Cross. (r)
6.50 Indoor Hockey. Highlights of the semifinals of the Lada Inter-City Hockey Championship, introduced by Steve Rider from Crystal Palace. The commentator is Nigel Starmer-Smith.
7.20 World Ski-ing Championships from Crans-Montana. The Women's Super Giant Slalom.
7.45 Cricket. Highlights of the England v West Indies World Series Cup match.
8.30 Food and Drink. Why there should be a Ministry of Food; and a low-fat spread test.
9.00 Film: Malice in Wonderland (1985) starring Elizabeth Taylor and Jane Alexander. A made-for-television drama about the 20-year feud between the two Hollywood gossip columnists, Louella Parsons and Hedda Hopper. Directed by Gus Trikonis.
10.30 Newsnight. 11.15 Weather.
11.20 Indoor Hockey. Steve Rider presents highlights of the final of the Lada Inter-City Hockey Championship. Ends at **12.05.**

ITV LONDON

6.15 TV-am presented by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** *and* **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and viewers' letters at **8.35.** After Nine includes make-up artist Barbara Daly, and exercises at **9.17.**
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: map reading and making **9.50** Why different people have common needs **10.09** How animals keep themselves clean **10.26** How chemical principles are applied to today's chemical industry **10.48** Cairo **11.10** Using a computer as a word processor **11.27** How animals and plants survive the cold **11.44** Episode two of Interference, a ghost story by Jan Mark.
12.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children. (r) **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets, and guest Bernard Holley. (r) **12.30 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 Bulman. A criminal's wife is out to get the policeman who killed her husband. (r) Starring Don Henderson.
2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio debate on a topical matter **3.00 Cross Wits.** Crossword puzzle game presented by Barry Cryer. With Joan Bakewell and Andrew Sachs **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Button Moon. Puppet series **4.10 Batfink.** (r) **4.20 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Splash** visits the toy fair at Earls Court; and a remote Welsh farm.
5.15 Connections. Quiz game for sixth-formers, presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.30 Busman's Holiday. Travel *quiz presented by Julian* Pettifer. This week a team of nuns face a team of rock climbers. (Oracle)
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. The boys in blue are interested in Graham.
7.30 Reporting London. Graham Addicott reports on the row about the sale of agricultural land in the South-east to property developers; and Lynda Berry investigates allegations that London's traffic is grinding to a halt now that clamping is done by private operators.
8.00 Film: Any Which Way You Can (1980) starring Clint Eastwood and Sondra Locke. Truck-driving, bare knuckle fighter, Philo Beddoe, comes to the attention of a gambler who wants to arrange a fight between Beddoe and the East coast champion. Directed by Buddy Van Horn.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 First Tuesday: Family on the Run. The story of David and Linda Arthur, on the run with their second baby after they were refused custody of their first after being acquitted of a child abuse charge; **Surf's Up at Port Talbot.** The South Wales town is the unlikely place for a surfing club.
11.30 Ice Skating. The European Figure Skating *Championships, introduced* by Nick Owen from the Zetra Hall in Sarajevo.
12.10 Darts. Elton Welsby introduces quarterfinal action in the Blackthorn Masters from Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham.
12.40 Night Thoughts.



In the games habit: Anglican nuns compete in Busman's Holiday (ITV London, 6.30pm; other regions 7.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships's House. (r)
2.30 Film: Crack-Up* (1936) starring Peter Lorre and Brian Donlevy. Spy thriller about an international agent who uses a crooked pilot and his assistant to steal important *government* blueprints. Directed by Malcolm St Clair.
3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. This week's edition includes a report on the EEC's decision to distribute food from the various stockpiled mountains; and a profile of news cameraman Bill McConville.
4.30 Countdown. A new competition begins with two contestants from Middlesex - David Kendix of Edgware and Maurice Sobell from Kenton. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster.
5.00 Bewitched. Comedy series about a modern-day family of sorcerers.
5.30 Heinz Superchamps. Sports competition between seven- and 12-year olds on jetskis, mini tanks, motor cross bikes, grass karts and hovercrafts.
6.00 Shane. Vintage western adventures. A young cowboy knocks Shane down and later joins forces with a rancher to dam a stream and deprive the Starrets of water.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicolas Owen and Christabel King, includes a profile of the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers.
7.50 Comment. A member of the public on a topical matter. **Weather.**
8.00 Brookside. Mick dozes off in bed with his pipe still alight; and Bobby meets a man dying of asbestosis.
8.30 Moneyspinner. Financial advice series, this week from Southampton Guildhall. Details of a new Personal Equity Plan, chosen by the programme's experts from the many available; plus, making a will.
9.00 Film: Private Sessions (1985) starring Mike Farrell, Tom Bosley, and Kelly McGillis. A *made-for-television* drama about a New York psychiatrist who breaks the cardinal rule of becoming involved in the private lives of two patients - a taxi driver who hears strange voices in his cab; and the sexually promiscuous daughter of wealthy parents. Directed by Michael Pressman.
10.45 The Max Headroom Show. The guest is RutgerHauer.
11.15 Soap. Jessica is kidnapped *and taken to Malaguay and* held hostage in exchange for El Puerco.
11.45 Jazz at the Gateway. Oscar Peterson's guests are Nils-Henning Orsted Peterson; Philip Catherine, and Tommy Whittle.
12.25 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.40.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Computer Challenger **9.30-10.00** Week In Week Out **10.00-10.50** A Sort of Innocence **12.00-12.30am** Film 87 **12.30-12.35** News and weather. **SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.20-11.20** Between Ourselves **12.00-12.30am** Film 87 **12.30-12.35** Weather. **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Fax **12.00-12.05am** News and weather. **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 **SCOTLAND: 8.30pm-9.00** Prosbaig

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Link **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** About Anglia **6.35** Crossroads **7.00** City Sounds **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Tuesday Topic, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-7.00** News **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Jobfinder **1.40** Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Link **1.20** News **1.30** Country Practice **2.25-2.30** Twogether **5.15-5.45** Sons & Daughters **6.00** Channel Report **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Link **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** North Tonight **6.35** Crossroads **7.00** Shammy Dab **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Link **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters ***5.15-5.45*** *Emmerdale Farm* ***6.00*** *Scotland* Today **6.35** Crossroads **7.00** Shammy Dab **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Link **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.25** Televiews **6.30** Tuesday View **7.00** Duty Free **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Postcript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Link **1.20** News **1.30** Country Practice **2.25-2.30** Action! **5.15-5.45** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.25** Police 5 **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25-1.30** Lookaround **3.00-3.30** California Highway **6.00** Northern Life **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** You've Got Your Troubles, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Lunchtime **3.30-4.00** Lifestyles **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25** Diary Dates **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.35am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00** Calendar **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Busman's Holiday **12.40am** *Jobfinder* ***1.40*** *Closedown.*

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Ysgolion **11.50** Interval **12.00** Film: Shanghai Gesture* **1.45pm** Their Lordships' House **2.00** Jigsaw **2.30** Irish Angle **3.00** Heart of the Dragon **4.00** Flatabalam **4.15** Wil Cwac Cwac **4.20** Hafoc **5.00** Bewitched* **5.30** Shane **6.30** Heinz Superchamps **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Mentro! Mentro! **8.00** Remington Steele **9.00** Yr Arth **9.30** Arwyddion Ffyrdd **10.00** Sioe Siarad **10.15** Golden Girls **10.45** Eleventh Hour **11.15** Eleventh Hour **12.05am** Closedown.

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight.
5.30am Simon Mayo **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies (incl Top 40 singles) **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 & 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00am** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour.
4.0am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.0** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Lonnie Donnegan **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz **7.30** Vince Hill Presents BBC Radio Orchestra **9.15** Syd Lawrence in Concert **10.00** Harvey and Wallbangers **10.30** Town and Country Quiz **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Computer World 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Zoowalk – Berlin 8.30 Puccini and his World 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Look Ahead 9.45 Kings of Swing 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Jude the Obscure 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 A Letter from Scotland (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Pierre Fournier 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Scotland (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.01 A Cotswold Carpenter 9.10 Book Choice 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Sing Gospel 11.30 The Change Business 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Music for the Sun King 2.30 Jude the Obscure 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 A Cotswold Carpenter 4.40 Book Choice (until 4.45) 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT.

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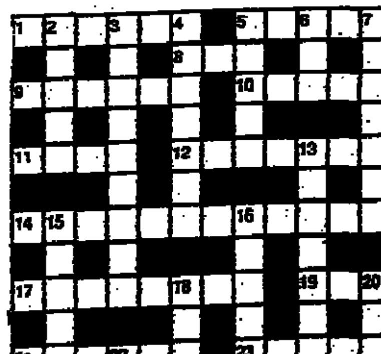

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Berlioz (Queen Mab scherzo, Romeo and Juliet: Montreal SO), Scarlatti (two sonatas, in C sharp minor, Kk 247; and A minor, Kk 109: Alexis Weissenberg, piano), Mozart (Clarinet Cocneorto in A: Emma Johnson with ECO). **8.00** News

8.05 Concert (continued): Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending: Iona Brown, violin with Academy of St Martin-in-Fields), Marais (La sonnerie de Ste Genevieve du Mont *de Paris: Musica Antiqua,* Cologne), Bruckner (Libera me:Corydon Singers and ECO members), Reger (Ballet Suite: Bavarian RSO). **9.00** News

9.05 This Week's Composer: Haydn. Piano Trio in E major, H XV 28 (Oromonte Trio), Drue Harmonie in der Ehhe: An den Vetter, Der Greis (Barbara Martig Tuller, soprano, Peter Keller, tenor, Kramp, bass, and Venzago, piano), String Quartet in E flat major Op 76 No 6 (Orlando Quartet) **10.00** Claude Helffer: piano *recital. Beethoven (Sonata in D* major, Op 10 No 3), Schumann (Etudes symphoniques) **10.50** Magnificat: BBC Singers. Byrd (Magnificat of the Great Service), Giles Swayne (Magnificat). Stanford (Magnificat for double choir) **11.20** BBC Scottish SO (under Jerzy *Maksymiuk*), with Krzysztof Smietana (violin). Thomas Wilson (St Kentigern suite), Panufnik (Violin Concerto), Mendelssohn (Symphony No 1). *Interval reading at 12.10*

1.00 News **1.05** Recital *from* Cardiff: Hanson String Quartet. Mozart (Clarinet Quintet in A, KK 581, with David Campbell, clarinet), Tchaikovsky (Quartet No 1) **2.05** Guitar encores: Margarita Castanon and Federico Banuelos *play* works by Roberto Pontillo (Observacion interior), Ponce (Intermezzo, Scherzino. Maya and Scherzino Mexicano), Gerardo Tamez (Percusion), Perez-Fuente (For two friends), and William Ortiz (Plena) **2.35** Music in Nuremberg: recordings including works by Paumann (Mit ganczem willen: Nuremberg Gambencollegium, with Elza van der Ven, organ), Hans Neusidler (lute works played by Konrad Ragossnig), Hans Leo Hassler (performed by King's *Singers and Consorte of Musicke),* J E Kindermann (cantata Wachet auff: Consortium Musicum), Pachelbel (Partie in E minor: Musica Antiqua, Cologne), Lohner (O Ewigkeit! : Flagstad, soprano and Moore, piano), and Lortzing musical portrait of *Hans Sachs and excerpts from* Wagner's The Mastersingers, with Jaro Prohaska as Hans Sachs, Max Lorenz, Maria Muller and Erich Zimmerman, with Bayreuth Festival Soloists , Chorus and Orchestra under Furtwangler). Plus improvisation by Werner Jacob, organist of St Sebald's Church, Nuremberg. **4.55** News

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music, presented by Andrew Keener **6.30** The Spanish Vihuelists. Christopher Wilson and Tom Finucane play works by Valderrabano, Henestrosa, Palero and Cabezon **7.00** BBC Welsh SO (under Sir Charles Groves), with Moray Welsh (cello). Daniel Jones (Cello Concerto) **7.30** The Theban Plays: part one of the trilogy. Oedipus the King. With Tim Pigott-Smith, Sian Phillips, Patrick Steward and Robert Eddison in the cast (r) **9.20** Schubert: Winterreise, D 911. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone), with Gerald Moore (piano). In mono **10.45** Brother: Peter Quigley *reads the short story by John* Cameron Burnside **11.05** Budapest Wind Ensemble: F Krommer's Partita in E flat Op 71, Weber 's Adagio and Rondo, 1808, and Beethoven's Octet in E flat major, Op 103 **11.57**News. **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News. Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.20** Your letters. **7.25, 8.25** Sport.

7.45 Thought for the Day. **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411. Lines open from 8.00am **10.00** News; From Our Own Correspondent: Life and politics from around the world. **10.30** Morning Story: Observed Behaviour, by Doug Morgan. Read by Sion Probert. **10.45** Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 42. (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Thirty Minute Theatre: Mr Peabody and the Beast, by Ray Jones.With Don Henderson. Why does Mr Peabody go to work carrying a leotard, mask and boots in his briefcase? All will be revealed in this play. **11.33** The Living World: A Winter in Wales: Discover Celtic secrets of fertility with Roger Worsley. **12.00** **12.27** My Music: Steve Race tests the *knowledge* of Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden, and Ian Wallace (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World At One. News **1.40** The Archers. **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour, with Sue MacGregor. Includes items on women who have to cope with life in a wheelchair.Also episode seven of The Beiderbecke Affair. **3.00** News; The Afternoon Play: Dreams of an Everyday Housewife, by Diane Whitley. With Lesley Nicol (s) **4.00** News **4.05** Britain Revisited: Anthony Burton travels through the Spey Valley in 1887 with the help of Alfred Barnard and some malt whisky (s) **4.30** Kaleidoscope. A second chance to hear last night's edition. Including items on The Viewing, at the Greenwich Theatre, Jonathan Miller's production of Tosca at the Coliseum, and the Radio 3 series Himalaya.

5.00 PM, News. **5.50** Shipping. **5.55** Weather **6.00** News. Financial report **6.30** King Street Junior (s) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** File On 4: Major issues and events at home and abroad. **8.00** Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care. **8.30** Clara. The story of Clara Schumann and *Robert Schumann. With* Moir Leslie and Peter Harlowe. With Marlene Fleat (piano) **9.15** In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped. **9.45** Kaleidoscope. Includes items on the film When the Wind Blows and John Ogdon's 50th birthday.

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Missing Persons, by David Cook (s). The reader is Patricia Routledge. **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight. **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament. **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel. **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Time and Tune (s) **11.20** Time to Move (s). **1.55** For Schools. Until 3.00. **12.30** Schools Time Night-time Broadcasting. Until 1.10am. **12.30** Innsbruck. **12.50** Nachrichten und Neuigkeiten.

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Carr for sale as Clough puts his foot down hard

By Chris Moore

Franz Carr, Nottingham Forest's England under-21 winger, was last *night put up* for sale by Brian Clough in the wake of an amazing public row between the Forest manager and the player's father.

The war of words broke out last week when Carr's father, *Keith, dismissed Forest's offer* of a new contract as "peanuts".

Carr senior claims that his son is one of the lowest paid players in the first division, adding: "He has put thou*sands on the gates and* Forest needs Franz more than he needs *them: I will not let him* re-sign for only £400 a week."

But last night Clough called the Carr bluff by slapping the former Blackburn Rovers for*ward on the transfer list.* "I *am* not bothered where the offers come from ... *Manchester* United, Tottenham or Nottingham pork butchers", he said. "If the price is right the young man will be leaving."

Clough has been trying for much of the season to get the *20-year-old winger to agree to* a new contract. "He says he wants to leave his decision until the summer", Clough said. "But that is the time I expect to be across the road at Trent Bridge watching *Tim Robinson and Chris Broad* open the batting for Nottinghamshire.

"What I have done in putting him up for sale is exactly *the right thing for this* club. We are not going to be messed around for four months. It would be the sort of saga that could well damage the remainder of our season.

"I have nothing personal against Franz. There is a contract waiting for him and I would love him to sign it. But *a lot of garbage has been put* around about what we have offered him. The figure is far in excess of £400 a week.

"But if things aren't sorted out quickly it could be a recipe for disaster and I am not going *to be left in the same situation* as Oxford and Leicester.

"It is none of my business, *and I do not want to be* accused of sticking my nose *into things that don't concern* me, but the minute John Aldridge signed for Liverpool, Oxford should have sent him packing.

"It seems Alan Smith is not *going to re-sign for Leicester*, so they would be better off selling him. There is not a scrap of commonsense in delaying the inevitable."

Since joining Forest for an *initial fee of £25,000, which* has since been supplemented to *£100,000* in agreed instalments, Carr has emerged one of the few natural wingers in the first division. His pace and flair have been a big factor in *Forest's sustained champion*ship challenge this season.

Leeds try to turn back the clock

By Martin Searby

Leeds United will not look forward with any confidence to a visit from either **Luton Town** or **Queen's Park Rangers**, of the first division, if they *manage* to overcome **Swindon Town** in their postponed tie tonight to reach the fifth round of the FA Cup for the first time in 10 years.

Not since their 2-1 semi-final defeat by Manchester *United in 1977 have they been* among the last 16 teams. However, previous home draws against Luton and Queen's Park Rangers have *not turned out well for them*, Town winning 5-1 at Elland Road in 1958 and Rangers 3-1 55 years ago.

All five Yorkshire clubs still in the draw have yet to make certain of their places, but **Barnsley** *must* be warm favourites to be the first in their replay against **Aldershot**, of the fourth division, tonight.

"It means nothing to us at *the moment*," Barnsley's manager, Allan Clarke, said yesterday. "But there's a great incentive for both teams with the *prospect of visiting* Arsenal, who are, at the moment, the best side in the country."

Hull City, of the second division, despite having MacEwan *and Parker, the* England under-21 midfielder, *seeking* transfers, have a sound chance of making progress past the fifth round for the first time in 14 years. If they can beat **Swansea City** at *the Vetch Field, they* face a trip to **Wigan**, of the third division, who overcame Norwich City with an own goal, while Hull, currently strug*gling in the lower reaches*, had an encouraging victory over the *Littlewoods* Cup quarter-finalists Shrewsbury Town.

There is the prospect – though a *slender one* – of **Sheffield Wednesday** and **Sheffield United** meeting in the Cup for the first time since 1960, when Wednesday won 2-0 at Bramall Lane. Wednesday may overcome **Chester** in *the replay tomorrow, but* United face a much harder job against **West Ham United** in a week's time.

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Sirrel still faithful to County

By a Correspondent

Jimmy Sirrel, the Notts County manager, yesterday *established what could prove* to be a unique record in modern football when he qualified for his old age pension while still employed in *one of the world's most* precarious jobs.

Sirrel spent his 65th birthday much as he has spent the majority of his adult life – *namely*, giving his all to the club employing his earnest attentions.

"*It just wouldn't be the right* time to even think of retiring," he said, pointing to County's current position of third in the third division.

Having discarded the well-known names, cut the wage-bill and assembled a team of youngsters, promotion is far nearer the fore-front of his *mind than the tranquility of* his garden. "Don't forget, I did try to retire once," he recalls.

That was when Ritchie Barker was manager, less than two years ago. Sirrel had been released from the daily grind of responsibility to occupy a board place and look after the youth scheme. Before that, he *had* performed just about every chore the game can offer from boot-cleaning upwards.

The thought of being the only managerial pensioner appeals to his mischievous but not unkind sense of humour, as does the fact that younger *men*, such as Ronnie Fenton, Larry Lloyd and Barker, have come and gone, while he achieves senior citizenship still in harness.

Maybe fate has taken a hand. What could be more appropriate than for the League's oldest club to have its oldest manager?

Quinn leaves prison

Mick Quinn, the Portsmouth *footballer, was released* from prison at dawn yesterday after serving 14 days of a 21-day sentence for motoring offences. Within three hours *Quinn was reporting for a* morning's training with the second division leaders.

At the gates of Winchester Prison Quinn was reunited *with, his girl friend*, Sheila Hutchinson. Quinn, who is Portsmouth's leading scorer with 21 goals, has kept a detailed diary of day-to-day life in the prison.

After revealing he was sell*ing his story to a newspaper*, Quinn said: "I'm just glad to be out. I want to put all that be*hind me and get back to* playing football. I was wrong in what I did but I have served my punishment".

The former Oldham player was given seven days' remission for good behaviour. He had been jailed last month by *magistrates at Havant*, Hampshire, after admitting twice driving while disqualified, two offences of driving without insurance and another *of speeding*.

Portsmouth refused to comment about Quinn's return but *he is in line to play at Ipswich* Town on Saturday.

Back in their element: The Oxford boat, with the the six rebels on board, out on the Thames yesterday for the first time in two weeks

Oxford glad to be back on the water

By Jeremy Novick and Jim Railton

The beleaguered *Oxford* University Boat Race crew did their very best yesterday to forget about the acrimony of their mutiny and just get on with what they are *meant* to do best – rowing.

After two weeks of turmoil, the rebellion had been quelled in the early hours of yesterday, when the seven members of the eight who had quit training *agreed to return. They* accepted the presidency of Donald Macdonald and abandoned their support for Chris Clark, who had been dropped from the crew.

Oxford tried to *hide their reunion. In a vain attempt to* avoid the reporters, they laid a couple of false trails leading to Marlow and Wallingford. They should have known *better, and they were finally* tracked down at the Leander *Club at Henley*.

After an initially short-tempered exchange with reporters, a compromise was reached. Hugh Matheson, who was coaching them yesterday, would get the crew out and then talk.

"Look, as far as the boys are concerned, they've gone out for a row today *which* is what they intend to do right until the Boat Race".

The frustration was obviously beginning to show as *suspicious glances* passed between reporters and oarsmen. Macdonald, *looking haggard* after his ordeal, avoided all eye contact, staring intensely *at the ground*.

Chris Huntington, one of the returning rebels, said that it was "just a relief to be back on the water. The whole battle – and battle is the right word – has been very tense. *It's very upsetting to have* trained for so long and then suddenly stop. It's like cold turkey."

He did add, though, that he *thought the whole business* would have no affect whatsoever. "None of us wanted to take the week off and we are just glad to be back. *I don't think the trouble* will unsettle us."

Matheson, however, thinks differently. "Our chances have been undoubtedly damaged. If you don't train for two weeks, you'll go slower than if you *had done*."

Paradoxically, it is as a result of this bickering that Oxford's best chance could come. Everyone has virtually *written them off, and Cam*bridge, though they shirk from saying it, must be quietly pleased. But as Matheson said: "The crews who are best buddies don't go as fast as those where a certain amount *of competitive hostility* exists. That applies to all team sports. I do not think that any tensions that may or may not still be there will have any affect on their speed, except possibly to enhance it."

Everything now hinges on *the meeting tomorrow night of* the college rowing captains. If all goes well there, then it will be solid graft until March 28. The crew who took to the *water yesterday* – Ward, Macdonald, Cadoux-Hudson, *Stewart, Lyons, Penny, Hull*, Huntington and cox, Jon Fish – are exactly the selection which sparked the revolt.

If tomorrow's meeting goes against Macdonald, then who knows? As Matheson says: "It is such uncharted constitu*tional water that nobody* knows what the hell will happen.

"My guess is that Macdonald will still be president and that this crew will continue to row. But then I would have guessed that a week ago the whole thing would have been over and done with..."

Still, at the end of the day, they had their row. Two good hours on the water could not *instantly transform* them into world-beaters. After all, it was their first time out for two weeks.

Matheson, an Oxford Blue and Olympic silver medal winner, is the coach for the next period of training. He has a tremendous task in trying to heal the wounds. Oxford *University at the highest level* is growing impatient with the bad publicity generated by the affair.

It is hoped that, after hearing a report from Macdonald, the rowing seat of power – the captains' committee – will allow the coaches to get on with their work unhindered. There *has after all* been over 12 hours of formal discussions involving the crew, coaches and Macdonald last week at Henley and Oxford.

Ankle injury keeps out Wallace

Danny Wallace has been *ruled out* of Southampton's crucial first division match against Coventry City at the Dell tonight. Southampton will be chasing their first *League win since November* 29 in this rearranged game. Their slump in form has seen them slip to the fringe of the relegation zone and brought an *early departure from the* FA Cup.

But Southampton *halted* the slide last week by beating second division Shrewsbury to reach the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup. Wallace, a winger, aggravated an ankle injury in the game, one which has troubled him all season.

- Gillingham, who were hit by an outbreak of gastric *influenza which caused the* postponement of Saturday's away game with *Middles*brough, expect to be back in action today. They have a *home game with Rotherham* and their manager, Keith Peacock, said: "I am sure the game will go on. We had 10 people laid low by the bug but a check has revealed that most have recovered."
- Fourth *division Halifax* expect to know within 10 days whether provisional agreement has been reached for them to move to the town's Rugby *League ground* next season.

Halifax have debts of more *than £400,000* and their affairs are being run by an administrator appointed last month by the *high court, when* Halifax became the first Football League club to *invoke* the 1986 insolvency act.

If agreement is reached with the rugby club, Halifax will accept a £2.4 million offer by a *property developer for the* freehold of the Shay ground, which is owned by Calderdale Council.

They would offer the council *half the money* and after clearing their debts would have £800,000 in credit when they moved to the rugby club at Thrum Hall.

- England *will* play an under-21 international against Spain during the senior side's visit later this month. The match, at Burgos, some 200 *kilometres from Madrid, will* be on the afternoon of the seniors' match in the Spanish capital on February 18.
- Everton yesterday turned down a transfer request from Derek Mountfield. The 24-year-old central defender, *signed from Tranmere in 1982* for £30,000, has been unable to command a regular place since Everton paid a club record fee of £900,000 for Dave Watson from Norwich City.

Slack sent for tests in hospital

Wilf Slack, the England *batsman, was being kept in a* Tasmanian hospital overnight after collapsing during an England practice session yesterday. The Middlesex player, *aged 32, was batting in the* nets at the Devonport Oval late yesterday afternoon when he slumped to the ground and lost consciousness for a short while.

Worried colleagues rushed *to his assistance* and an ambulance was called. By the time it had arrived, Slack was able to sit up, and he walked to the vehicle, which took him *the short distance* to Mersey General Hospital.

Mickey Stewart, England's assistant manager, who accompanied Slack, said: "*Various tests have been car*ried out and he'll stay in hospital overnight for observation. But he's now sitting up in bed and looks and *feels perfectly OK*.

"The doctors are not sure what caused it. *Wilf* said he just felt dizzy and can't remember much else. He certainly wasn't hit while batting and was ready to face another delivery when he went down. We were obviously very worried at the time. Wilf has no history of fits or fainting."

John Woodcock, page 37

Council inquiry on sex discrimination

By John Goodbody

The Sports Council may *stop giving grant aid to sports* clubs which practise sexual discrimination.

Yesterday's meeting of the Council, which distributes *£36million a year to sports* centres, clubs and organiza*tions*, decided to ask the national governing bodies to discover how widespread sexual discrimination is in British sport. John Wheatley, the *director general of the Sports* Council, said that the inquiry may "lead to a revision of the grant criteria" but stressed this was a long way off.

Under Section 29 of the 1975 Sexual Discrimination Act it is unlawful to provide facilities for entertainment, recreation or refreshment for *one sex and not the other. But* clubs with memberships are an exception.

The Sports Council, who already refuse to grant aid to any club or organization practising unlawful discrimination, is now trying to interpret the spirit of the Act and is clearly concerned to educate clubs where sport is practised by both sexes.

Golf is a particular example. Last September the Welsh Ladies Golf Union surveyed 110 clubs, *of which* 106 replied. Only between 10 and 12 per cent of the clubs allowed *women to sit on the general* committee. Of the remaining, 80 to 85 per cent of the women's section wanted to have representation. But Pat *Roberts, the general secretary*, said that a large number of women had admitted problems in becoming committee members though, in spite of *this, they thought* that they got on very well with their male colleagues.

The Sports Council of Wales, which prepared the survey, said they hoped clubs would pay due attention to the views of the women's section *but pointed out full member*ship rights also meant full membership fees.

Many women golfers have reduced facilities but also pay less money.

Keith Wright, the secretary of the English Golf Union, said: "Golf clubs used to be a bastion of male chauvinism but it has changed a lot in the last 10 years."

- Geoff Crudgington, Plymouth *Argyle's long-serv*ing goalkeeper, yesterday had *a transfer* request turned down.

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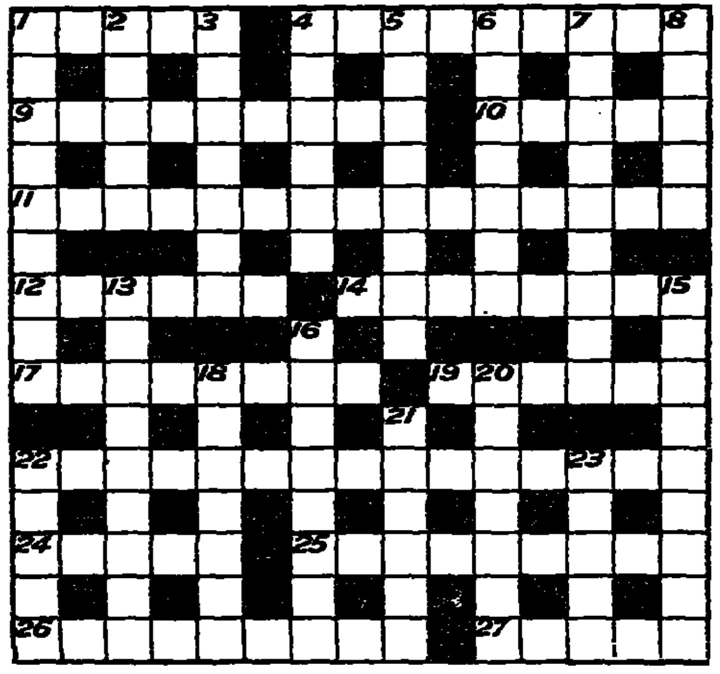

ACROSS
1 Bowman who aims for heart of target (5).
4 One after victory takes the gold (9).
9 In summer going to the mountains first (9).
10 Decor for a study? (5).
11 Chess expert demonstrates the *game for children* (4,2,3,6).
12 Design in an effort to be fashionable (6).
14 Polite rationale absorbs men of letters (8).
17 What oarsmen do to American craft (3-5).
19 Device – imitation stone in Ireland's case (6).
22 Making a beeline for an honest footballer? (15).
24 Baba a bit short in defensive argument (5).
25 Presumably nothing will satisfy them (9).
26 Food taken back out of rage from parasites (7-2).
27 Bonny by the Clyde (5).

DOWN
1 A bowler obviously suits him when he's driving (9).
2 Clear one in the plot (5).
3 Pursue deal for tree (7).
4 Nimble creature needed to thwart outside right (6).
5 Copper and vanadium liner shaped for old gun (8).
6 Space in Fleet Street to stay, *though it's a squeeze* (7).
7 Small drop not up to expecta*tions* (9).
8 Roam the mountains (5).
13 Two chaps from another age? (9).
15 Side Tommy concealed – audacity (9).
16 Artistic representations cut out in G and S (8).
18 Mouth opening – force one to take one with difficulty (7).
20 You may have to use your bonce *in most of this game* (7).
21 National dog shows? (6).
22 Hit that breaks records (5).
23 Crime – sheet missing from Haworth residence (5).

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WEATHER

An area of damp, moist air over the country will be displaced south-eastwards by a weak cold front. Most places will start cloudy with some rain or drizzle, and areas of fog, especially over the higher ground. Much clearer weather will spread from the NW to most of Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England during the morning, and these areas will then have sunny spells and one or two showers. This much *improved weather will move on across much of Wales and central England by evening, with SE* Britain becoming dry in the evening. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Mostly dry and bright, with overnight frost and fog.

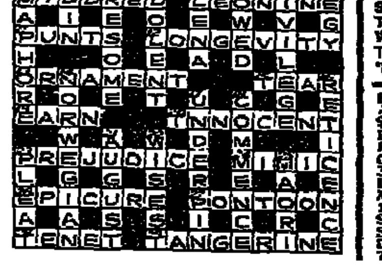
ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	13	55	Madrid	f	10	50
Akrotiri	f	19	66	Majorca	f	15	59
Alex'dria	f	18	64	Malaga	f	16	61
Algiers	s	21	70	Malta			
Amst'dm	s	0	32	Melb'me	s	39	102
Athens	c	11	52	Mexico C*	s	18	64
Bahrain	s	21	70	Miami*	s	25	77
Barbads*				Milan	s	-1	30
Barcelna	f	13	55	Montreal*			
Beirut				Moscow	c	-3	27
Belgrade	c	-5	23	Munich	s	-9	16
Berlin	s	-5	23	Nairobi	s	27	81
Bermuda*	c	17	63	Naples	s	11	52
Biarritz	f	14	57	N Delhi			
Borde'x	r	9	48	N York*	r	1	34
Brussels	s	3	37	Nice	c	9	48
Budapst	s	-7	19	Oslo	c	-7	19
B Aires*				Paris	s	1	34
Cairo	s	29	84	Peking	s	3	37
Cape Tn	c	25	77	Perth	s	27	81
C'blanca	c	17	63	Prague	fg	12	10
Chicago*	c	1	34	Reykjvik	f	-1	30
Ch'church	s	20	68	Rhodes	f	18	64
Cologne	s	0	32	Rio de J	s	31	88
C'phagn	s	-1	30	Riyadh	s	26	79
Corfu	c	13	55	Rome	s	10	50
Dublin	f	10	50	Salzburg	s	-5	23
Dubrovnik	c	10	50	S Frisco*	s	11	52
Faro	f	16	61	Santiago*	c	29	84
Florence	c	7	45	S Paulo*	c	23	73
Frankfurt	s	-2	28	Seoul	f	-3	27
Funchal	f	18	64	Sing'por	f	28	82
Geneva	c	-2	28	St'kholm	f	-2	28
Gibraltar	r	15	59	Strasb'rg	c	-5	23
Helsinki	d	1	34	Sydney	s	31	88
Hong K	s	21	70	Tangier	r	14	57
Innsbrck	s	-2	28	Tel aviv	s	29	84
Istanbul	c	5	41	Tenerife	s	21	70
Jeddah	s	34	93	Tokyo	s	2	36
Jo'burg*	s	29	84	Toronto*			
Karachi				Tunis	s	15	59
L Palmas	f	21	70	Valencia	f	16	61

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

Solution to Puzzle No 17,269



AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Bridlington	6.6	-	2	35	sunny
Cromer	6.3	-	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	5.1	-	3	37	sunny
Clacton	7.4	-	3	37	sunny
Southend	7.8	-	3	37	sunny
Margate	*	-	3	37	sunny
Folkestone	7.7	-	2	36	sunny
Hastings	5.8	-	4	39	sunny
Eastbourne	3.6	-	5	41	bright
Brighton	5.5	-	4	39	sunny
Worthing	3.6	-	5	41	sunny
Littlehmptn	3.1	-	5	41	sunny
Bognor R	2.9	-	5	41	sunny
Sandown	-	-	5	41	dull
Shanklin	0.2	-	6	43	cloudy
Bournemth	1.7	-	6	43	bright
Poole	1.3	-	7	45	cloudy
Swanage	1.2	-	7	45	bright
Weymouth	-	-	7	45	bright
Exmouth	-	.02	7	45	rain
Teignmouth	-	.03	7	45	rain
Torquay	-	-	7	45	rain
Falmouth	-	.11	8	46	rain
Penzance	-	.33	9	48	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.52	10	50	rain
Jersey	0.8	-	5	41	cloudy
Guernsey	0.4	.03	7	45	rain
Newquay	-	.11	9	48	rain
Ilfracombe	*	.05	8	46	rain
Minehead	-	.01	7	45	rain
B'pool Airpt	2.8	-	4	39	bright
Morecambe	3.0	-	6	43	bright
Douglas	-	.02	4	39	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	1.3	-	3	37	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.2	.02	5	41	rain
Carlisle	5.6	-	7	45	sunny
London	5.4	-	7	45	sunny
Manchester	3.7	-	5	41	bright
N'ctl-n-Tyne	5.9	-	3	37	sunny
Nottingham	5.4	-	4	39	sunny
Anglesey	-	-	8	46	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	.12	5	41	rain
Colwyn Bay	*	-	7	45	cloudy
Tenby	-	.19	5	41	rain
Aberdeen	4.5	-	5	41	sunny
Edinburgh	4.4	-	2	36	bright
Eskdalemuir	6.0	-	-11	41	sunny
Glasgow	-	-	2	36	cloudy
Kinloss	4.4	-	5	41	sunny
Lerwick	0.3	.01	5	41	bright
Prestwick	0.1	.02	5	41	rain
Stornoway	0.7	-	7	45	bright
Tiree	-	.03	6	43	rain
Wick	4.2	-	5	41	sunny

These are Sunday's figures
*Figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.57	7.2	5.27	7.1
Aberdeen	4.38	3.9	4.37	4.3
Avonmouth	10.30	13.1	10.48	12.5
Belfast	2.11	3.3	2.27	3.7
Cardiff	10.15	12.1	10.33	11.5
Devonport	9.09	5.4	9.28	5.1
Dover	1.57	6.7	2.23	6.3
Falmouth	8.39	5.2	8.58	4.9
Glasgow	3.59	4.7	4.08	5.2
Harwich	2.46	4.0	3.17	3.8
Holyhead	1.23	5.2	1.35	5.6
Hull	9.36	6.9	9.38	7.6
Ilfracombe	9.18	9.0	9.32	8.4
Leith	5.54	5.3	6.11	5.4
Liverpool	2.16	9.0	2.33	9.3
Lowestoft	12.07	2.6	1.04	2.1
Milford Haven	9.32	6.9	9.49	6.4
Newquay	8.26	7.0	8.44	6.5
Oban	8.55	3.8	8.57	3.5
Penzance	8.17	5.5	8.37	5.2
Portsmouth	2.35	4.8	2.42	4.5
Shoreham	2.17	6.3	2.32	6.0
Southampton	2.04	4.6	2.13	4.3
Swansea	9.36	9.2	9.49	8.7
Tees	7.03	5.1	7.06	5.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.36	2.24
Austria Sch	20.30	19.20
Belgium Fr	60.60	57.40
Canada $	2.115	2.015
Denmark Kr	10.92	10.32
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.85
France Fr	9.59	9.09
Germany Dm	2.89	2.73
Greece Dr	237	217
Hong Kong $	12.15	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.03
Italy Lira	2060	1940
Japan Yen	246	232
Netherlands Gld	3.255	3.075
Norway Kr	11.15	10.55
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.55
Spain Pta	210.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	10.31	9.76
Switzerland Fr	2.425	2.295
USA $	1.58	1.51
Yugoslavia Dnr	905	865

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London: The *FT* index closed up 22.9 at 1463.9.

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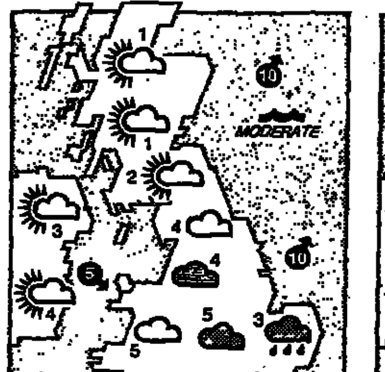

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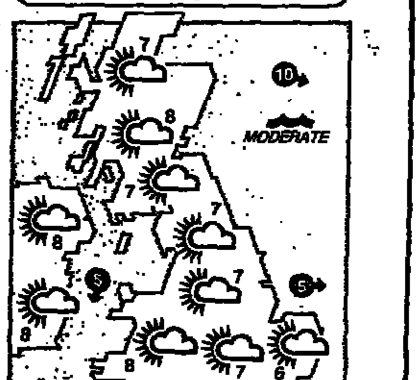

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.23 pm to 7.05 am
Bristol 5.33 pm to 7.15 am
Edinburgh 5.19 pm to 7.33 am
Manchester 5.25 pm to 7.20 *am*
Penzance 5.49 pm to 7.23 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2c (36f) *Humidity: 6 pm, 81* per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1010 millibars, rising
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	10	50	Guernsey	r	6	43
B'ngham	r	4	39	Inverness	f	7	45
Blackpool	r	5	41	Jersey	d	5	41
Bristol	r	6	43	London	f	6	43
Cardiff	r	5	41	M'nchster	r	5	41
Edinburgh	r	4	39	Newcastle	c	1	34
Glasgow	c	5	41	R'nldsway	c	7	45

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp. max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F) *per cent. Rain:* 24hr to 6 pm, 5.4mm Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil

Sun rises: 7.37 am
Sun sets: 4.53 pm
Moon rises 9.37 am
Moon sets 11.31 pm
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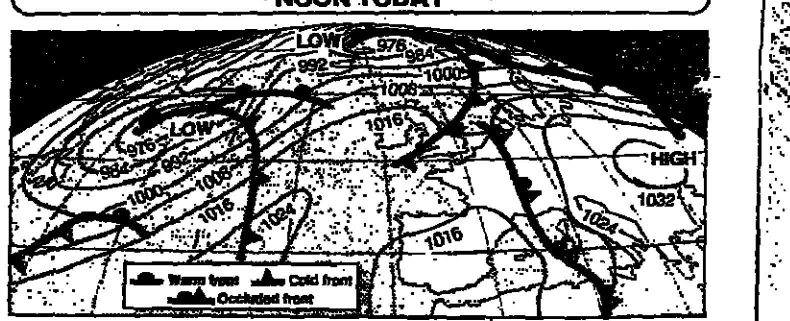
NOON TODAY



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